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In Re Petition for Disciplinary Action against
Stanley J. Leino, an Attorney at Law of the
State of Minnesota.

O R D E R

The Lawyers Professional Responsibility Board, through its Director, filed with the court an October 4, 1999, petition for disciplinary action alleging, inter alia, that respondent Stanley J. Leino misappropriated client funds, and fabricated and forged documents and made false statements under oath intended to conceal the misappropriation. By stipulation filed with the court on January 24, 2000, respondent admitted the first and second counts of the October 4, 1999, petition for disciplinary action which contained the foregoing allegations. The Director subsequently filed a February 11, 2000, supplementary petition for disciplinary action alleging that respondent filed false charges with law enforcement agencies implicating the complainants in this disciplinary proceeding and sent a threatening letter to the referee assigned to this matter attempting to make it appear that it came from the complainants.

On February 8, 2000, respondent was served with the Director's February 3, 2000, petition for temporary suspension, which was set for hearing on March 2, 2000. On March 2, 2000, the Director and the respondent filed a stipulation in which the respondent agreed to dispense with proceedings under Rule 16, Rules on Lawyers Professional Responsibility, and

in which the respondent agreed that the court may enter its order suspending him from the practice of law pending final determination of these disciplinary proceedings.

Based upon all the files, records and proceedings herein,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. That the respondent, Stanley J. Leino, is hereby temporarily suspended from the practice of law pending final determination of these disciplinary proceedings, pursuant to Rule 16, Rules of Lawyers Professional Responsibility.

2. That respondent shall, within ten days of the date of this order, notify each of his clients of his inability to continue representation of the client and shall otherwise fully comply with the provisions of Rule 26, Rules of Lawyers Professional Responsibility.

Dated: March 2, 2000

BY THE COURT:



Alan C. Page
Associate Justice