

STATE OF MINNESOTA

IN SUPREME COURT

FILE NO. 45396

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In the Matter of the Application
for the Discipline of MRS. D. H.
LOFTHOUSE, also known as CAROL A.
LOFTHOUSE, an Attorney at Law of
the State of Minnesota.

A Petition and an Amended Petition for Disciplinary Action against Mrs. D. H. Lofthouse, also known as Carol A. Lofthouse, Respondent herein, have heretofore been served upon her by R. Paul Sharood, Administrative Director on Professional Conduct, at the direction of the State Board of Professional Responsibility.

Respondent, a resident of Isanti County, Minnesota, was admitted to practice in Minnesota on October 23, 1964, and has been engaged in the practice of law on either a full or part time basis since that date in said County. That she was born on March 31, 1935, and is married. The annual registration fee required by Court Rule of all attorneys was last paid by her for the year 1974.

The complaints of professional misconduct on the part of Respondent consist of dilatory conduct in representing clients on bankruptcy, real estate, divorce and mechanic lien matters, in violation of DR 6-101(A)(3) and DR 7-101(A)(3); in failing to respond to inquiries as to the status of such matters from clients, the Chairman of the District Ethics Committee, and Petitioner,

such failure constituting professional misconduct, In re Chmelik (1938) 205 Minn. 156, 80 N.W. 283; and in failing to file Minnesota State income tax returns for the years 1968 through 1973, such failure constituting professional misconduct, In re Bunker (1972) 294 Minn. 47, 199 N.W.(2d) 628.

Respondent has filed her Answer to the original Petition in which she asserted defenses as to certain of the complaints but stood mute as to others, and has failed to file an Answer to the Amended Petition, as required by Order dated October 22, 1974. It appears that Respondent is a person of good moral character. Petitioner knows of no other complaints against Respondent other than those contained in this proceeding.

Respondent has entered into a Stipulation dated ~~February~~ April 7, 1975, whereby she has stated she does not wish to contest further the complaints against her, and has agreed that an Order might be entered forthwith and without further notice suspending her from the practice of law.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that Mrs. D. H. Lofthouse, also known as Carol A. Lofthouse, be and she hereby is suspended from the practice of law in the State of Minnesota until further order of the Court.

DATED June 3, 1975.

BY THE COURT:

Robert J. Schuman
Chief Justice