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STATE OF MINNESOTA

IN SUPREME COURT

C6-84-688

In the Matter of the Application for the  
Discipline of Paul A. R. Mason, an  
Attorney at Law of the State of Minnesota.

**ORDER**

By petition to this court, respondent Paul A. R. Mason, an attorney licensed to practice law in this state, was charged with violation of disciplinary rules by neglecting and failing to handle a client's matter in violation of DR 6-101(a)(3) and DR 7-102(A)(1), (2) and (3), Minnesota Code of Professional Responsibility. He was also accused of making false representations and false statements to his client relative to the handling of the client's case in violation of DR 1-102(A)(4) and DR 7-102(A)(5), Minnesota Code of Professional Responsibility.

Following filing of the petition with this court, the matter now comes before this court upon a stipulation of the parties which provides as follows:

WHEREAS, respondent has concluded it is in the best interests to enter into this stipulation,

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED by and between the undersigned as follows:

1. Respondent understands he has certain rights related to having charges of unprofessional conduct against him heard by a Lawyers Professional Responsibility Board Panel prior to the filing of a petition for disciplinary action, as set forth in the Rules on Lawyers Professional Responsibility, (RLPR). Pursuant to Rule 10(a), RLPR, the parties agree to dispense with panel proceedings under Rule 9, RLPR, and respondent agrees to the immediate filing of a petition for disciplinary action, hereinafter "petition", in the Minnesota Supreme Court.

2. Respondent understands that upon the filing of this stipulation and the petition this matter will be of public record.

3. Respondent understands that he has certain rights pursuant to Rule 14, RLPR. He waives these rights, which include rights to a hearing before a referee on the petition; to have the referee make findings and conclusions and a recommended disposition; to contest such findings and conclusions; and to a

hearing before the supreme court upon the record, briefs and arguments. Respondent hereby admits service of the petition for disciplinary action.

4. Respondent waives his right to answer and unconditionally admits the allegations of the Director's petition for disciplinary action.

5. Respondent understands that based upon these admissions, this court may impose any of the sanctions set forth in Rule 15(a)(1) - (6), RLPR, including making any other such disposition as it deems appropriate. Respondent understands that by entering into this stipulation, the Director is not making any representations as to the sanction the court will impose.

6. The Director and respondent join in recommending that the appropriate discipline is a public reprimand and the imposition of \$500 in costs pursuant to Rule 15(a)(5) and 25(a), RLPR.

7. This stipulation is entered into by respondent freely and voluntarily, without coercion, duress or representations by any person except as contained herein.

8. Respondent hereby acknowledges receipt of a copy of this stipulation.

Based upon the records, files and proceedings herein, and the stipulation of the parties,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. Respondent Paul A. R. Mason is hereby publicly reprimanded pursuant to Minn. R. Law. Prof. Resp. 15(a).
2. Respondent shall pay to the petitioner \$500 in costs pursuant to Minn. R. Law. Prof. Resp. 24(a) within 60 days from the date of this order.

Dated: May 2, 1984.

BY THE COURT

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Douglas H. Amdahl, Chief Justice