

FILE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

STATE OF MINNESOTA

IN SUPREME COURT

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In Re Petition for Disciplinary  
Action against AMBER JULIE AHOLA,  
a Minnesota Attorney,  
Registration No. 262250.  
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STIPULATION FOR DISPENSING  
WITH PANEL PROCEEDINGS,  
FOR FILING PETITION FOR  
DISCIPLINARY ACTION,  
AND FOR DISCIPLINE

THIS STIPULATION is entered into by and between Martin A. Cole, Director of the Office of Lawyers Professional Responsibility, hereinafter Director, and Amber Julie Ahola, attorney, hereinafter respondent.

WHEREAS, respondent has concluded it is in respondent's best interest to enter into this stipulation,

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

1. It is understood that respondent has the right to have charges of unprofessional conduct 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. It is understood that respondent has certain rights pursuant to Rule 14, RLPR. Respondent waives these rights, which include the right 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.

4. Respondent waives the right to answer and unconditionally admits the allegations of the petition which may be summarized as follows:

a. Respondent was court-appointed to represent John Jerrod Jones in criminal matters. Jones was later released from prison and ordered to serve 90 days at a treatment facility in Brainerd. Ten days after entering the treatment program, Jones absconded from the facility. Despite knowing of his sentence, respondent picked up Jones from Brainerd and drove him back to Bemidji. A warrant was issued for Jones' arrest. Law enforcement officials, acting on a tip from a drug task force member, went to respondent's home to arrest Jones. Respondent twice lied to law enforcement about Jones' presence in her home. After being threatened with the possibility of law enforcement obtaining a search warrant for her home and the possibility of facing criminal charges for harboring a fugitive, respondent finally admitted that Jones was inside her home.

b. Respondent's conduct violated Rules 4.1 and 8.4(b), (c), and (d), Minnesota Rules of Professional Conduct.

5. Respondent understands that based upon these admissions, this Court may impose any of the sanctions set forth in Rule 15(a)(1) - (9), RLPR, including making any disposition 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 pursuant to Rule 15, RLPR, and unsupervised probation for a period of two years based upon the following conditions:

a. Respondent shall cooperate fully with the Director's Office in its efforts to monitor compliance with this probation and promptly respond to the Director's correspondence by the due date. Respondent shall provide to the Director a current mailing address and shall immediately notify the Director of any change of address. Respondent shall cooperate with the Director's investigation of any allegations of unprofessional conduct which may come to the Director's attention. Upon the Director's request, respondent shall provide authorization for release of information and documentation to verify compliance with the terms of this probation.

b. Respondent shall abide by the Minnesota Rules of Professional Conduct.

7. Respondent agrees to the imposition and payment of \$900 in costs pursuant to Rule 24, RLPR.

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

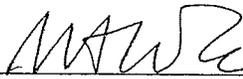
9. Respondent hereby acknowledges receipt of a copy of this stipulation.

10. Respondent has been advised of the right to be represented herein by an attorney but has freely chosen to appear *pro se*.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties executed this stipulation on the dates

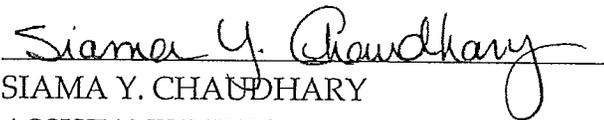
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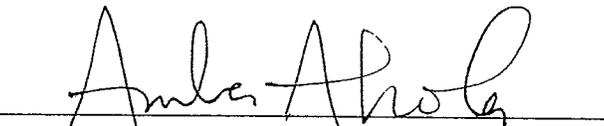
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