

FILE NO. _____

STATE OF MINNESOTA

IN SUPREME COURT

In Re Petition for Disciplinary Action
against ROLAND C. AMUNDSON,
an Attorney at Law of the
State of Minnesota.

**PETITION FOR
DISCIPLINARY ACTION**

TO THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

The Director of the Office of Lawyers Professional Responsibility, hereinafter Director, files this petition upon the parties' agreement pursuant to Rules 10(a) and 12(a), Rules on Lawyers Professional Responsibility. The Director alleges:

The above-named attorney, hereinafter respondent, was admitted to practice law in Minnesota on September 26, 1975. Respondent was appointed a Hennepin County District Court Judge in 1988 and a Minnesota Court of Appeals Judge in 1991. Respondent resigned from the Court of Appeals in February 2002. Respondent has committed the following unprofessional conduct warranting public discipline:

FIRST COUNT

1. Prior to 1988, respondent drafted a will and trust agreement for his client R.D. When R.D. died in 1989, respondent acted as personal representative of R.D.'s estate and oversaw the funding of a Trust established to provide for the care of R.D.'s disabled daughter. After the Trust was funded in 1994, respondent became the trustee of the Trust.

2. Between 1995 and September 2000 respondent misappropriated funds from the Trust totaling over \$414,000. Respondent has made deposits of his personal funds totaling \$302,465 back into the Trust's checking account.

3. On February 26, 2002, respondent was charged in Hennepin County with five counts of felony theft by swindle relating to his misappropriation of funds from the Trust. On April 1, 2002, respondent pled guilty to the five counts of theft by swindle.

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

WHEREFORE, the Director respectfully prays for an order of this Court disbarring respondent from the practice of law, awarding costs and disbursements pursuant to the Rules on Lawyers Professional Responsibility, and for such other, further or different relief as may be just and proper.

Dated: April 2, 2002.



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