

FILE NO. C6-92-1241

STATE OF MINNESOTA

IN SUPREME COURT

-----  
In Re Petition for Disciplinary Action  
against THORNTON P. ANDERSON,  
an Attorney at Law of the  
State of Minnesota.  
-----

**STIPULATION  
FOR DISCIPLINE**

THIS STIPULATION is entered into by and between Edward J. Cleary, Director of the Office of Lawyers Professional Responsibility, hereinafter Director, and Thornton P. Anderson, 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. Pursuant to the Rules on Lawyers Professional Responsibility (RLPR), the parties agree to dispense with further proceedings under Rule 14, RLPR, and respondent agrees to the immediate disposition of this matter by the Minnesota Supreme Court under Rule 15, RLPR.

2. Respondent understands this stipulation, when filed, 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.

4. Respondent has not filed an answer to the petition. In lieu of an answer, respondent has submitted to the Director the attached memorandum and requested it

be forwarded to the Court. Notwithstanding the attached memorandum, respondent hereby admits the allegations of the petition.

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 sanctions the Court will impose.

6. The Director and respondent join in recommending that the appropriate discipline pursuant to Rule 15, RLPR, is a public reprimand and unsupervised probation for a period of two years, and payment of \$900 pursuant to Rule 24(a), RLPR, 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 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.

c. Respondent shall make monthly payments of at least \$50 to Ms. Stucki on the judgment Ms. Stucki has against respondent. Respondent shall provide proof to the Director's Office of each monthly payment.

d. Respondent shall make affirmative efforts to 1.) increase the amount of the monthly payments to Ms. Stucki, and/or 2.) obtain financing to either make a lump sum payment to Ms. Stucki on the judgment or to make a complete settlement offer in satisfaction of the judgment. Respondent shall provide the Director's Office with proof of his efforts at least every three months

during the period of probation. In the event that the parties settle, evidenced by a copy of a satisfaction of judgment supplied to the Director's Office, respondent's reporting obligations shall be terminated.

e. Respondent agrees that if at the end of the two-year period of probation the judgment has not been completely satisfied, the Director, upon motion to the Court and without need for a petition for disciplinary action, may request the Court to extend respondent's probation for an additional period of two years, again subject to the other conditions set out above.

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

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

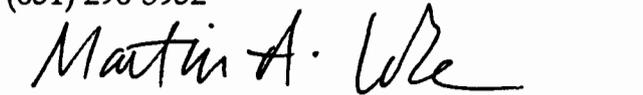
9. Respondent has been advised of the right to be represented herein by an attorney but has freely chosen to appear *pro se*.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties executed this stipulation on the dates indicated below.

Dated: March 7, 2000.

  
EDWARD J. CLEARY  
DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF LAWYERS  
PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY  
Attorney No. 17267  
25 Constitution Avenue, Suite 105  
St. Paul, MN 55155-1500  
(651) 296-3952

Dated: March 7, 2000.

  
MARTIN A. COLE  
SENIOR ASSISTANT DIRECTOR  
Attorney No. 148416

Dated: 3 MARCH, 2000.

  
THORNTON P. ANDERSON, RESPONDENT  
Attorney No. 2410  
P.O. Box 24736  
Minneapolis, MN 55424

File No. C6-92-1241

State of Minn.

Supreme Court

MEMO

To: Supreme Court  
From: Thornton Anderson  
Subject: Stipulation

It is my understanding that the only record that will be available to the Court in this matter will be the Petition and the Stipulation, the Director's Office has graciously permitted me to attach a short memo to the Stipulation.

As a result of a six-months stint as consultant to Al's Cartage, Inc., in 1991, I was left with the following obligations:

IRS	\$10,000.00	+ (civ. pen.)
State of Mn	6,500.00	(emp. taxes)
Judgment	22,000.00	+ (the present matter)

I have paid, in one form or another, about \$8500.00 to the two taxing authorities.

I have attempted unsuccessfully to secure employment to deal with these matters.

Initially, I thought that my age (72 years in April) was the problem. A few months ago, it became apparent that my credit record reflecting the above information was blocking employment.

I am now negotiating with the tax authorities to settle the accounts at a reduced figure.

I will also attempt to negotiate a settlement with Ms. Stucki. If successful, I believe I will be able to borrow the money from friends to pay all.

With the credit record cleared, I should be able to find employment to repay the loans in 18 to 24 months.

The alternative is to pay Ms. Stucki \$50 a month until one of us dies. She is about 80 yrs. old.