

FILE NO. _____

STATE OF MINNESOTA

IN SUPREME COURT

In Re Petition for Disciplinary Action
against JOHN W. BUNCH,
a Minnesota Attorney,
Registration No. 135823.

**STIPULATION
FOR DISCIPLINE**

THIS STIPULATION is entered into by and between Martin A. Cole, Director of the Office of Lawyers Professional Responsibility, hereinafter Director, and John W. Bunch, 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 waives the right to answer and unconditionally admits the allegations of the petition which may be summarized as follows:

a. Respondent's conduct in failing to correct the statements in his October 28, 2002, affidavit once they became false, specifically that respondent's counterclaim against the Eichers exceeded the jurisdictional amount of conciliation court and that he would be commencing an action against the Eichers in a court of competent jurisdiction within thirty days, violated Rule 3.3(a), Minnesota Rules of Professional Conduct (MRPC).

b. Respondent's failing to commence his action against the Eichers knowingly disobeyed an obligation under Rule 510, General Rules of Practice for the District Courts, in violation of Rule 3.4(c), MRPC.

c. Respondent's conduct of delaying bringing his action against the Eichers violated Rule 4.4(a), MRPC.

d. Respondent's conduct was prejudicial to the administration of justice in violation of Rule 8.4(d), MRPC.

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. Respondent has no disciplinary history.

7. The Director and respondent join in recommending that the appropriate discipline pursuant to Rule 15, RLPR, is a public reprimand.

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 indicated below.

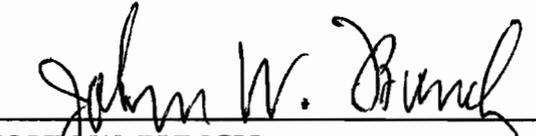
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