

STATE OF MINNESOTA

IN SUPREME COURT

In Re Petition for Disciplinary
Action against MARTHA L. BURNS,
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 Martha L. Burns, 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 Rules 14 and 15, RLPR, and respondent agrees to the immediate disposition of this matter by the Minnesota Supreme Court.

2. Respondent understands this stipulation, when filed, will be of public record.

3. Respondent understands that the allegations contained in the Director's petition for disciplinary action have been deemed admitted pursuant to the Court's June 25, 2001, Order. That Order authorizes respondent to submit a written proposal to the Court regarding the appropriate discipline to be imposed, and to have oral argument before the Court. Respondent waives those rights.

4. Respondent understands that based upon the admitted allegations, 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.

5. The Director and respondent join in recommending that the appropriate discipline is an indefinite suspension from the practice of law, for a minimum period of nine months, pursuant to Rule 15, RLPR. The reinstatement hearing provided for in Rule 18, RLPR, is not waived. Reinstatement is conditioned upon: (1) payment of costs in the amount of \$900 plus interest pursuant to Rule 24(d), RLPR; (2) compliance with Rule 26, RLPR; (3) successful completion of the professional responsibility examination pursuant to Rule 18(e); and (4) satisfaction of the continuing legal education requirements pursuant to Rule 18(e), RLPR.

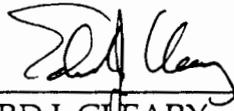
6. This stipulation is entered into by respondent freely and voluntarily, without any coercion, duress or representations by any person except as contained herein.

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

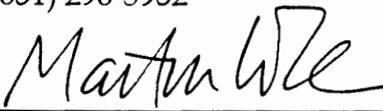
8. Respondent has been advised of the right to be represented herein by an attorney but has freely chosen to appear *pro se*.

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

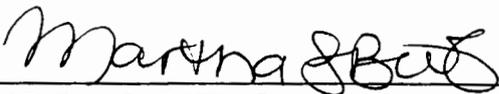
Dated: July 10, 2001.


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