FILE NO. _____

STATE OF MINNESOTA

IN SUPREME COURT

In Re Petition for Disciplinary Action against EUGENE CASTRO, a Minnesota Attorney, Registration No. 335915.	**STIPULATION FOR RECIPROCAL DISCIPLINE**

THIS STIPULATION is entered into by and between Martin A. Cole, Director of the Office of Lawyers Professional Responsibility, hereinafter Director, and Eugene Castro, 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 certain rights pursuant to Rule 12(d), Rules on Lawyers Professional Responsibility (RLPR). Respondent waives those rights and agrees to the Court's immediate issuance of an order for reciprocal discipline consistent with this stipulation. Respondent hereby admits service of the petition for reciprocal discipline.

2. Respondent unconditionally admits the allegations of the petition which may be summarized as follows: On October 18, 2007, respondent was disbarred by the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court for the First Judicial Department for the State of New York. The basis for this discipline was respondent's plea of guilty to offering a false instrument for filing in the first degree in violation of New York Penal Law § 175.35, a class E felony. Respondent admits that between November 2001 and April 2002, he and his law partner paid a runner to refer personal injury cases to their law firm. Respondent admits that he and his law partner caused multiple false retainer agreements to be filed with the New York State Office of Court Administration and that the retainers falsely listed a person other than the runner as the source of referral. Respondent admits that he

knew the retainer agreements contained false information but still caused them to be filed with the intent to defraud.

3. Respondent understands that by entering into this stipulation, the Director is not making any representations as to the sanction the Court will impose.

4. The Director and respondent join in recommending that reciprocal discipline of disbarment is appropriate.

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

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

7. Respondent has been advised by the undersigned counsel concerning this stipulation and these proceedings generally.

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

Dated: October 31, 2007.

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Dated: 12·12·07.

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RESPONDENT

Dated: December 10, 2007.

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