

FILE NO. A08-843

STATE OF MINNESOTA

IN SUPREME COURT

In Re Petition for Disciplinary Action
against JUDETH A. CHRISTIANSON,
a Minnesota Attorney,
Registration No. 201583.

**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 Judeth A. Christianson, 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 unconditionally admits the allegations of the attached supplementary and amended petition for disciplinary action. The amended and

supplementary petition replaces the petition for disciplinary action the Director filed previously.

5. In response to the allegations of wrongdoing, respondent asserts that she has suffered from a mental disability in the form of severe depression and that that mental disability caused, in full or in part, the misconduct. The Director and respondent stipulate that respondent's claimed mitigation was a consideration in determining the appropriate discipline.

6. The Director and respondent note that respondent closed her practice in approximately October of 2006. Respondent has not engaged in the practice of law since that time, and is currently fee-suspended and on CLE restricted status. Respondent is uncertain as to whether she will resume the practice of law.

7. 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.

8. The Director and respondent join in recommending that the appropriate discipline is a public reprimand and probation pursuant to Rule 15, RLPR. Respondent agrees to the imposition and payment of \$900 in costs and \$166.38 in disbursements pursuant to Rule 24, RLPR.

9. The Director and respondent further join in recommending that respondent's probation shall be for a term of two years, commencing upon her return to the practice of law and shall be subject to the following conditions:

a. Respondent shall notify the Director at least 30 days prior to her resuming the practice of law. Respondent shall cooperate fully with the Director's efforts to monitor compliance with this probation and promptly respond to the Director's correspondence by the due date. Respondent shall provide to the Director a current mailing address and shall immediately notify

the Director of any change of address. 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. If respondent resumes the practice of law as an associate or a shareholder in a law firm, or as an in-house attorney or staff counsel, respondent's probation shall be unsupervised.

d. If, at any time during the term of her probation, respondent engages in the practice of law as a solo attorney, respondent's probation shall be supervised by a licensed Minnesota attorney, appointed by the Director to monitor compliance with the terms of this probation. Respondent will also be subject to the following additional conditions in her practice as a solo attorney:

i. Respondent shall provide to the Director the names of three attorneys who have agreed to be nominated as respondent's supervisor 30 days prior to engaging in the solo practice of law. If, after diligent effort, respondent is unable to locate a supervisor acceptable to the Director, the Director will seek to appoint a supervisor. Until a supervisor has signed a consent to supervise, the respondent shall on the first day of each month provide the Director with an inventory of active client files described in paragraph ii. below. Respondent shall make active client files available to the Director upon request.

ii. Respondent shall cooperate fully with the supervisor in his/her efforts to monitor compliance with this probation. Respondent shall contact the supervisor and schedule a minimum of one in-person meeting per calendar quarter. Respondent shall submit to the supervisor

an inventory of all active client files by the first day of each month during the probation. With respect to each active file, the inventory shall disclose the client name, type of representation, date opened, most recent activity, next anticipated action, and anticipated closing date. Respondent's supervisor shall file written reports with the Director at least quarterly, or at such more frequent intervals as may reasonably be requested by the Director.

iii. Respondent shall initiate and maintain office procedures which ensure that there are prompt responses to correspondence, telephone calls, and other important communications from clients, courts and other persons interested in matters which respondent is handling, and which will ensure that respondent regularly reviews each and every file and completes legal matters on a timely basis.

iv. Within thirty days from commencing the solo practice of law, respondent shall provide to the Director and to the probation supervisor, if any, a written plan outlining office procedures respondent shall provide to designed to ensure that respondent is in compliance with probation requirements. Respondent shall provide progress reports as requested.

v. Respondent shall initiate or continue current treatment by a licensed consulting psychologist or other mental health professional acceptable to the Director, and shall complete all therapy programs recommended by the therapist.

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

11. Respondent hereby acknowledges receipt of a copy of this stipulation and the amended and supplementary petition for disciplinary action.

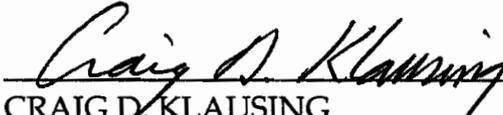
12. Respondent has been advised by the undersigned counsel concerning this stipulation and these proceedings generally.

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

Dated: August 6, 2009.


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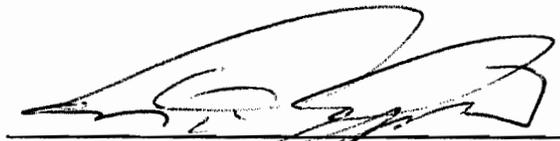
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