

FILE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

STATE OF MINNESOTA

IN SUPREME COURT

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In Re Petition for Disciplinary Action  
against JENNIFER LYNN CUMMINGS,  
a Minnesota Attorney,  
Registration No. 292059.  
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**PETITION FOR  
DISCIPLINARY ACTION**

TO THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

The Director of the Office of Lawyers Professional Responsibility, hereinafter Director, files this petition upon the parties' agreement pursuant to Rules 10(a) and 12(a), Rules on Lawyers Professional Responsibility. The Director alleges:

The above-named attorney, hereinafter respondent, was admitted to practice law in Minnesota on June 17, 1999. Respondent currently resides in Aitken, Minnesota.

Respondent has committed the following unprofessional conduct warranting public discipline:

FIRST COUNT

1. On February 15, 2011, respondent was charged by criminal complaint in Crow Wing County District Court with two felony counts of fifth degree possession of a controlled substance in violation of Minn. Stat. §§ 152.025, subdiv. 2(a)(1) and 152.025, subdiv. 2(a). The criminal charges arose out of an incident occurring on January 11, 2011, in which it was alleged that respondent purchased methamphetamine and Adderall from an informant and an undercover police officer. The informant involved was a client who was at that time represented by respondent in a termination of parental rights matter.

2. On August 23, 2011, respondent pled guilty to one count of possession of a controlled substance in the fifth degree in violation of Minn. Stat. §§ 152.025, subdiv. 2(a)(1) and 152.025, subdiv. 2(a) with respect to the possession of methamphetamine. The second count with respect to possession of Adderall was dismissed.

3. On November 17, 2011, the court, pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 152.18, deferred further proceedings in the matter for a period of up to five years and placed respondent on supervised probation under the supervision of the Department of Corrections. The conditions of probation include: (1) one day of incarceration in the Crow Wing County jail, (2) completion of 15 days sentence-to-service or community service, (3) completion of a chemical dependency evaluation and compliance with any recommendations of that evaluation, (4) a prohibition on the purchase, possession, or consumption of any alcoholic beverages, controlled substance, or other forms of intoxicants and a prohibition on being in any establishment where the primary purpose is the sale of alcohol, (5) submission to random chemical testing, (6) a prohibition on the possession of drug paraphernalia, and (6) a prohibition on the use or possession of any firearms or ammunition.

4. Respondent's conduct in illegally purchasing a controlled substance from a client violated Rule 8.4(b), Minnesota Rules of Professional Conduct.

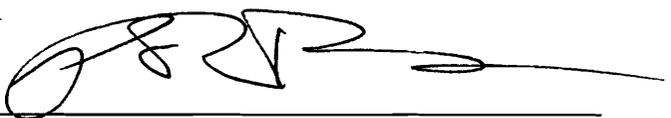
WHEREFORE, the Director respectfully prays for an order of this Court imposing appropriate discipline, awarding costs and disbursements pursuant to the Rules on Lawyers Professional Responsibility, and for such other, further or different relief as may be just and proper.

Dated: February 13, 2012.



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