

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

STATE OF MINNESOTA

IN SUPREME COURT

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In Re Petition for Disciplinary Action  
against PATRICK JOSEPH FARLEY,  
a Minnesota Attorney,  
Registration No. 387773.  
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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 (RLPR). The Director alleges:

The above-named attorney, hereinafter respondent, was admitted to practice law in Minnesota on October 26, 2007. Respondent is not currently practicing law. Respondent has committed the following unprofessional conduct warranting public discipline:

FIRST COUNT

1. On December 21, 2007, respondent was criminally charged with a felony for soliciting a child or one believed to be a child through internet or computer to engage in sexual conduct in violation of Minn. Stat. § 609.352, subd. 2a.

2. The charge against respondent arose from a November 1, 2007, internet exchange he had with a police officer posing as a 14-year old female. Respondent indicated his interest in engaging in sexual touching with the police officer.

3. Respondent pled guilty to and was convicted of the charge against him on February 6, 2008.

4. On March 24, 2008, judgment was entered against respondent for a stay of imposition of the sentence for three years, conditioned on service of 20 days in jail (with three days credit for time served and an additional credit of 6 days for good behavior), payment of a \$100 fine, completion of 40 hours of community service, registration as a sex offender, completion of sex offender treatment, no contact with minors or vulnerable adults, and no possession of internet devices.

5. Rule 19(a), RLPR, makes a criminal conviction conclusive evidence that the lawyer committed the conduct for which he was convicted.

6. Respondent's conduct violated Rules 8.4(b), Minnesota Rules of Professional Conduct.

WHEREFORE, the Director respectfully prays for an order of this Court disbarring or suspending respondent from the practice of law, 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: June 30, 2008.

  
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