

FILE NO. A07-0275

STATE OF MINNESOTA

IN SUPREME COURT

In Re Petition for Disciplinary Action
against CAROLE JEAN HALVERSON,
a Minnesota Attorney,
Registration No. 198754.

**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, attorney, Carole Jean Halverson, 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 withdraws the answer filed herein and unconditionally admits the allegations of the petition.

5. 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.

6. The Director and respondent join in recommending that:

a. The appropriate discipline is a six month suspension pursuant to Rule 15, RLPR, to begin on the date of the Court's suspension order;

b. The reinstatement hearing provided for in Rule 18(a) through (d), RLPR, be waived;

c. Respondent be required to successfully complete the professional responsibility portion of the state bar examination within one year of the date of this Court's order;

d. Respondent comply with Rule 26, RLPR;

e. Respondent pay \$900 in costs pursuant to Rule 24(a), RLPR;

f. Respondent be reinstated following the expiration of the suspension provided that at least 15 days before the expiration of the suspension period, respondent files an affidavit with the Clerk of Appellate Courts and the Director's Office establishing that respondent is current with Continuing Legal Education, has fully complied with Rules 24 and 26, RLPR, and has satisfactorily completed all other conditions imposed by the Court in its decision.

7. The Director and respondent join in recommending that upon reinstatement, respondent be placed on probation for a period of two years and upon the following conditions:

a. Respondent shall cooperate fully with the Director's Office in its efforts to monitor compliance with this probation and promptly respond to the Director's correspondence by the due date. 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.

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

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

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

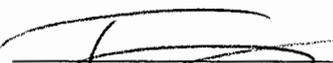
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties executed this stipulation on the dates indicated below.

Dated: April 10, 2007.



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DIRECTOR'S MEMORANDUM

The present matter is analogous to *In re Wentzell*, 656 N.W.2d 402 (Minn. 2003). In that matter the Court found that a six month suspension from the practice of law was appropriate for a lawyer who made multiple false and misleading statements and omissions about, and entered into transactions designed to hide his fee in a bankruptcy matter. Here, respondent made multiple false and misleading statements and omissions about her assets and liabilities in a bankruptcy matter. As in *Wentzell*, the bankruptcy court denied respondent's requested relief because of her conduct.

Respondent also failed to cooperate fully with the Director's investigation. The Director believes that the additional requirement of probation under the terms set forth in this stipulation is appropriate. Respondent has participated after the charges of unprofessional conduct were issued. In addition, entering into this stipulation, the Director noted that respondent does not currently practice law, she admits her misconduct, and she had previously amended her bankruptcy petition and schedules and disclosed previously concealed assets.