

FILE NO. _____

STATE OF MINNESOTA

IN SUPREME COURT

In Re Petition for Disciplinary Action
against CHARLES L. HAWKINS,
a Minnesota Attorney,
Registration No. 124369.

**PETITION FOR
DISCIPLINARY ACTION**

TO THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

At the direction of a Lawyers Professional Responsibility Board Panel, the Director of the Office of Lawyers Professional Responsibility, hereinafter Director, files this petition.

The above-named attorney, hereinafter respondent, was admitted to practice law in Minnesota on October 24, 1980. Respondent currently practices law in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Respondent has committed the following unprofessional conduct warranting public discipline:

FIRST COUNT

United States v. Kirsch Matter

1. On February 3, 2005, respondent was suspended for one year by the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals.

2. As more fully set forth in that Court's order attached hereto as Exhibit 1, respondent failed to file a brief in the *United States v. Kirsch* matter, engaged in a pattern of untimely filings over several years, and failed to respond to the Court's second order to show cause why he should not be personally disciplined.

3. Upon respondent's motion for reinstatement, the Court, on May 10, 2005, reduced respondent's discipline to a six-month suspension commencing February 3, 2005.

4. Respondent's pattern of conduct violated Rules 1.3, 3.4(c) and 8.4(d), Minnesota Rules of Professional Conduct (MRPC).

DISCIPLINARY HISTORY

5. Respondent has the following relevant disciplinary history, which may be considered in determining the level of discipline to be imposed, pursuant to Rule 19(b)(4), Rules on Lawyers Professional Responsibility:

a. On August 10, 2004, respondent was issued an admonition for failing to adequately communicate with a client concerning a potential appeal, in violation of Rule 1.4, MRPC.

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 14, 2006.

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