

STATE OF MINNESOTA

IN SUPREME COURT

A06-398

OFFICE OF
APPELLATE COURTS

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In re Petition for Disciplinary Action against
Charles L. Hawkins, a Minnesota Attorney,
Registration No. 124369.

ORDER

The Director of the Office of Lawyers Professional Responsibility has filed a petition for disciplinary action alleging that respondent Charles L. Hawkins committed professional misconduct warranting public discipline, namely, neglect of client matters in violation of Minn. R. Prof. Conduct 1.3, 3.4(c), and 8.4(d), based on respondent's suspension from practice before the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit. Respondent and the Director have entered into a stipulation by which respondent admits the allegations of the petition and the parties jointly recommend the discipline to be imposed by this court.

The court has independently reviewed the file. The court is unable to determine to what extent, if any, the interests of respondent's clients were adversely affected by the misconduct for which he was suspended by the Eighth Circuit. Further, records of respondent's cases before the Minnesota Court of Appeals demonstrate that respondent failed to timely file briefs in several state court cases as well. This raises a question about the accuracy of the director's statement that respondent's misconduct was limited to his

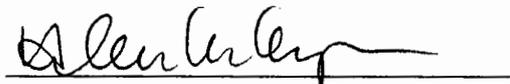
practice before the Eighth Circuit. We conclude that the record is insufficient for us to act on the petition and stipulation.

The matter is therefore remanded to the Director to provide the court with a more complete record, by stipulation or otherwise, of the scope of respondent's misconduct and the extent to which his clients' interests may have been adversely affected by his misconduct. By this order, the court does not imply that the recommended discipline is not appropriate on the basis of the record presented.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: March 22, 2006

BY THE COURT:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Helen Meyer", is written over a horizontal line.

Helen M. Meyer
Associate Justice