

FILE NO. A10-851

STATE OF MINNESOTA

IN SUPREME COURT

In Re Petition for Disciplinary Action
against TRENT CHRISTOPHER JONAS,
a Minnesota Attorney,
Registration No. 258738.

**PETITION TO VACATE
PRIOR ORDER AND
FOR IMPOSITION OF
ADDITIONAL DISCIPLINE**

TO THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

The Director of the Office of Lawyers Professional Responsibility, hereinafter Director, files this petition pursuant to Rule 60.02, Minnesota Rules of Civil Procedure.

The Director alleges:

1. The above-named attorney, hereinafter respondent, was admitted to practice law in Minnesota on October 27, 1995. Respondent's license to practice law is currently suspended pursuant to an order of the Minnesota Supreme Court dated October 20, 2010, *In re Jonas*, 789 N.W.2d 687 (Minn. 2010).

2. The suspension of respondent's license to practice law was predicated on an April 15, 2010, petition for disciplinary action filed by the Director.

3. In May 2010, the Director filed a stipulation for discipline with the Court in which respondent agreed that his misconduct with respect to the operations of two title companies he owned violated Rule 8.4(c), Minnesota Rules of Professional Conduct (MRPC). In presenting supporting information regarding the stipulation for discipline to the Court, it was specifically noted that respondent had not been criminally charged as a result of his misconduct.

4. On December 30, 2010, respondent pled guilty in the United States District Court for the District of Minnesota to two felony counts of wire fraud and engaging in a monetary transaction in criminally derived property in violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 1343

and 1957. See attached Exhibit 1. In light of respondent's guilty plea, a charge of a violation of Rule 8.4(b), MRPC, is appropriate in addition to the violation of Rule 8.4(c) already admitted by respondent.

5. The absence of criminal charges brought against respondent as a result of his misconduct was a significant factor in agreeing to the stipulation for discipline presented to the Court in May 2010. The stipulation was based in significant part on the mistaken understanding of the parties that no criminal proceedings were pending, contemplated, or imminent.

6. In light of respondent's plea of guilty to criminal charges subsequent to the imposition of discipline based on the mistaken assumption that there were no criminal ramifications to respondent's misconduct, it is appropriate to reopen this matter for reconsideration of the appropriate discipline.

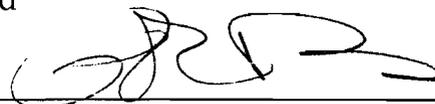
WHEREFORE, the Director respectfully prays for an order of this Court reopening these disciplinary proceedings, vacating the October 20, 2010, order issued by the Court and imposing additional appropriate discipline in light of respondent's guilty plea to the criminal charges, and for such other, further or different relief as may be just and proper.

Dated: January 6, 2011.



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