

FILE NO. A11-878
STATE OF MINNESOTA

IN SUPREME COURT

In Re Petition for Disciplinary
Action against WILLIAM F. JONES,
a Minnesota Attorney,
Registration No. 146444.

**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 William F. Jones, attorney, 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. The Director hereby withdraws the allegations contained in paragraphs 35 and 39 of his April 21, 2011, petition for disciplinary action.

5. Respondent withdraws the answer filed herein and unconditionally admits the remaining allegations of the April 21, 2011, petition for disciplinary action.

6. 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.

7. The Director and respondent join in recommending that the appropriate discipline is an additional 18 months minimum term of suspension added to respondent's current indefinite suspension as ordered by the Court in *In re Jones*, 763 N.W.2d 38 (2009). In other words, respondent would not be eligible to apply for reinstatement until at least September 26, 2013. Additionally, respondent agrees that upon reinstatement, in addition to any other terms and conditions imposed by the Court, he shall be permanently prohibited from entering into business transactions with any current or former clients. The reinstatement hearing provided for in Rule 18, RLPR, is not waived. Reinstatement is conditioned upon: (1) payment of costs in the amount of \$900 plus interest pursuant to Rule 24(d), RLPR; (2) successful completion of the professional responsibility examination pursuant to Rule 18(e); and (3) satisfaction of the continuing legal education requirements pursuant to Rule 18(e), RLPR.

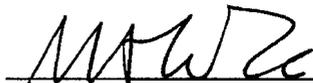
8. This stipulation is entered into by respondent freely and voluntarily, without any coercion, duress or representations by any person except as contained herein.

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

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

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

Dated: Oct. 19, 2011.



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