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STATE OF MINNESOTA

IN SUPREME COURT

In Re Petition for Disciplinary Action against GEORGE M. KADINGER, a Minnesota Attorney, Registration No. 16799X.	**STIPULATION FOR DISPENSING WITH PANEL PROCEEDINGS, FOR FILING PETITION FOR DISCIPLINARY ACTION, AND FOR DISCIPLINE**

THIS STIPULATION is entered into by and between Kenneth L. Jorgensen, Director of the Office of Lawyers Professional Responsibility, hereinafter Director, and George M. Kadinger, 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. It is understood that respondent has the right to have charges of unprofessional conduct heard by a Lawyers Professional Responsibility Board Panel prior to the filing of a petition for disciplinary action, as set forth in the Rules on Lawyers Professional Responsibility (RLPR). Pursuant to Rule 10(a), RLPR, the parties agree to dispense with Panel proceedings under Rule 9, RLPR, and respondent agrees to the immediate filing of a petition for disciplinary action, hereinafter petition, in the Minnesota Supreme Court.

2. Respondent understands that upon the filing of this stipulation and the petition, this matter 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. Respondent hereby admits service of the petition.

4. Respondent waives the right to answer and unconditionally admits the allegations of the petition which may be summarized as follows:

a. Respondent accepted client retainers in three separate matters (Dvorak, Riutzel, and LaForge), in which respondent neglected the matters, failed to respond to phone calls and to keep the clients adequately informed on the status of their cases, failed to obtain written fee agreements or deposit unearned fees into his client trust account, and failed to return unearned fees to the clients.

b. Respondent practiced law while CLE restricted and failed to comply with the court's instruction in a dissolution proceeding.

c. Respondent failed to cooperate with the Director's investigation of three separate ethics complaints filed by clients against respondent and the Director's investigation of respondent's practice of law while CLE restricted.

d. Respondent failed to timely file an affidavit of compliance with Rule 26, RLPR.

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 sanction the Court will impose.

6. The Director and respondent join in recommending that the appropriate discipline is indefinite suspension for a period of not less than nine months pursuant to Rule 15, RLPR. The reinstatement hearing provided for in Rule 18, RLPR, is not waived. Reinstatement is conditioned upon: (l) payment of costs in the amount of $900 pursuant to Rule 24(d), RLPR; (2) compliance with Rule 26, RLPR; (3) successful

completion of the professional responsibility examination pursuant to Rule 18(e); (4) satisfaction of the continuing legal education requirements pursuant to Rule 18(e), RLPR; and (5) that respondent reimburse the Client Security Board for all claims paid to respondent's clients.

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

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

9. 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: January 15, 2003.

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