

FILE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

STATE OF MINNESOTA

IN SUPREME COURT

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In Re Petition for Disciplinary Action  
against TRENT WILLIAM MAHLER,  
a Minnesota Attorney,  
Registration No. 295656.  
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PETITION FOR  
DISCIPLINARY ACTION

TO THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

The Director of the Office of Lawyers Professional Responsibility, hereinafter Director, files this petition seeking reciprocal discipline pursuant to Rule 12(d), Rules on Lawyers Professional Responsibility. The Director alleges:

The above-named attorney, hereinafter respondent, was admitted to practice law in Minnesota on October 29, 1999. Respondent currently resides in Milnor, North Dakota. Respondent was suspended on July 1, 2008, for non-payment of attorney registration fees.

On July 17, 2012, respondent was publicly disciplined by the North Dakota Supreme Court. As more fully set forth in that court's order attached hereto as Exhibit 1, the basis for this discipline was respondent's misconduct in receiving a retainer from a client, failing to deposit the retainer into a trust account, spending the money (from his business account) before the money was earned, neglecting the matter, failing to communicate adequately with the client, and sending to the client an invoice charging an hourly rate greater than that set forth in the retainer agreement. Respondent's misconduct, as stated in Exhibit 1, violated Rules 1.3, 1.4, 1.15(a) and 1.15(c), North Dakota Rules of Professional Conduct.

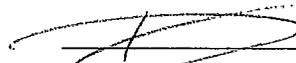
WHEREFORE, the Director respectfully prays for an order of this Court imposing discipline identical to that imposed by the North Dakota Supreme Court.

Dated: August 29, 2012.



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