

FILE NO. _____

STATE OF MINNESOTA

IN SUPREME COURT

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

**STIPULATION FOR
RECIPROCAL DISCIPLINE**

THIS STIPULATION is entered into by and between Martin A. Cole, Director of the Office of Lawyers Professional Responsibility, hereinafter Director, and Trent William Mahler, 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 certain rights pursuant to Rule 12(d), Rules on Lawyers Professional Responsibility (RLPR). Respondent waives those rights and agrees to the Court's immediate issuance of an order for reciprocal discipline consistent with this stipulation. Respondent hereby admits service of the petition for reciprocal discipline.

2. Respondent unconditionally admits the allegations of the petition which may be summarized as follows: On July 17, 2012, respondent's North Dakota law license was suspended by the North Dakota Supreme Court for a period of three years, effective August 15, 2012. Respondent received a retainer from a client, failed to deposit the retainer into a trust account, spent the money (from his business account) before the money was earned, neglected the matter, failed to communicate adequately with the client, and sent to the client an invoice charging an hourly rate greater than that set forth in the retainer agreement, which violated Rules 1.3, 1.4, 1.15(a) and 1.15(c), North Dakota Rules of Professional Conduct.

3. Respondent understands that by entering into this stipulation, the Director is not making any representations as to the sanction the Court will impose.

4. The Director and respondent join in recommending that reciprocal discipline of a three-year suspension is appropriate. The reinstatement hearing provided for in Rule 18, RLPR, is not waived. Reinstatement is conditioned upon (a) payment of costs in the amount of \$900 pursuant to Rule 24(d), RLPR; (b) compliance with Rule 26, RLPR; (c) successful completion of the professional responsibility examination pursuant to Rule 18(e), RLPR; and (d) satisfaction of the continuing legal education requirements pursuant to Rule 18(e), RLPR.

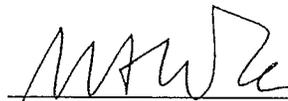
5. This stipulation is entered into by respondent freely and voluntarily, without any coercion, duress or representation by any person except as contained herein.

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

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

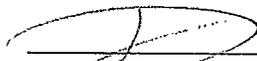
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties executed this stipulation on the dates indicated below.

Dated: August 29, 2012.



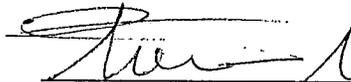
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