

FILE NO. _____

STATE OF MINNESOTA

IN SUPREME COURT

In Re Petition for Disciplinary Action
against ALLISON WILES MAXIM CARLSON,
a Minnesota Attorney,
Registration No. 353784.

**PETITION FOR
DISCIPLINARY ACTION**

TO THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

At the direction of a Lawyers Professional Responsibility Board Panel, the Director of the Office of Lawyers Professional Responsibility, hereinafter Director, files this petition.

The above-named attorney, hereinafter respondent, was admitted to practice law in Minnesota on May 12, 2006. Respondent currently practices law in St. Paul, Minnesota.

Respondent has committed the following unprofessional conduct warranting public discipline:

FIRST COUNT

Avvo Matter

1. Respondent represented the husband in a contentious marital dissolution matter. Attorney S.L. represented the wife at the relevant time.

2. S.L. scheduled a motion in the case, to be heard on August 10, 2012. Respondent believed that there were procedural irregularities in the motion practice, and based upon the arguments presented at the motion hearing, for some reason came to believe that S.L. was questioning her integrity.

3. Avvo is an entity that operates an Internet website at which consumers may rate attorneys and post comments or reviews of attorneys. Respondent has a profile on Avvo, as does S.L.

4. The evening of the motion hearing, respondent looked up S.L.'s profile on Avvo. She filled out a review of S.L., falsely posed as a former client and posted a very negative review of S.L.'s legal ability. S.L. automatically received notice of the review from Avvo.

5. S.L. contacted Avvo and was able to determine that the posting actually came from respondent's personal computer. S.L. contacted the firm at which respondent then worked.

6. When confronted by her senior partner, respondent initially denied knowing anything about the Avvo posting. Respondent shortly thereafter confessed her conduct, contacted Avvo and had the posting removed, and contacted S.L. and apologized. She later was requested by her firm to resign, which she did.

7. Respondent's conduct violated Rules 4.4(a) and 8.4(c), Minnesota Rules of Professional Conduct.

WHEREFORE, the Director respectfully prays for an order of this Court imposing appropriate discipline, awarding costs and disbursements pursuant to the Rules on Lawyers Professional Responsibility, and for such other, further or different relief as may be just and proper.

Dated: June 4, 2013.



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