

STATE OF MINNESOTA

IN SUPREME COURT

In Re Petition for Disciplinary Action
against LAWRENCE EDWARD NICHOLS,
a Minnesota Attorney,
Registration No. 221363.

**STIPULATION
FOR DISCIPLINE**

WHEREAS, a hearing on the Director's October 14, 2008, Petition for Disciplinary Action was held before Supreme Court Referee B. W. Christopherson on March 20, 2009, in St. Paul, Minnesota,

WHEREAS, Referee Christopherson filed with this Court Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Recommendation for Discipline dated April 13, 2009, and an amendment thereto dated April 16, 2009,

WHEREAS, neither the Director nor the respondent has ordered a transcript of the hearing,

WHEREAS, the Director and respondent agree that the Referee's recommendation for discipline is appropriate,

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED by and between the undersigned as follows:

1. The Director and respondent hereby waive briefing and oral argument to the Supreme Court.
2. The Director and respondent hereby stipulate that the Referee's findings of fact and conclusions of law are conclusive.
3. Respondent understands that based upon this stipulation, this Court may impose any of the sanctions set forth in Rule 15(a)(1) - (9), Rules on Lawyers Professional Responsibility (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.

4. The Director and respondent join in recommending the discipline recommended by Referee Christopherson, namely that respondent be publicly reprimanded and pay to the Director's Office \$900 in costs and an amount in disbursements to be determined in compliance with Rule 24, RLPR.

5. This stipulation is entered into by respondent freely and voluntarily, without any coercion, duress or representations 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: April 21, 2009.



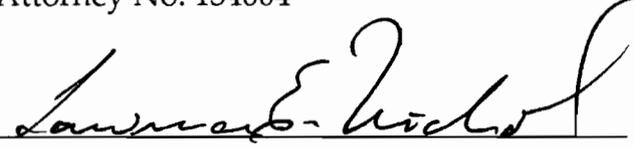
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Dated: APRIL 21, 2009.



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Dated: 5-4-09, 2009.



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