

FILE NO. A08-42

STATE OF MINNESOTA

IN SUPREME COURT

In Re Petition for Disciplinary Action
against CAROL LYNN O'GARA,
a Minnesota Attorney,
Registration No. 230790.

**STIPULATION FOR
DISCIPLINE**

THIS STIPULATION is entered into by and between Martin A. Cole, Director of the Office of Lawyers Professional Responsibility, hereinafter Director, and Carol Lynn O'Gara, 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. Pursuant to the Rules on Lawyers Professional Responsibility (RLPR), the parties agree to dispense with further proceedings under Rule 14, RLPR, and respondent agrees to the immediate disposition of this matter by the Minnesota Supreme Court under Rule 15, RLPR.
2. Respondent understands this stipulation, when filed, 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.

4. Respondent withdraws the answer filed herein and unconditionally admits the allegations of the petition which may be summarized as follows:

a. Respondent failed to appear for two court appearances in two different client matters, failed to expedite litigation in one of those matters and failed to communicate with her client in and diligently and competently pursue the other matter. Respondent failed to comply with the terms of her stipulated private probation and the Director's efforts to monitor her compliance therewith.

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 from the practice of law for a minimum period of ninety (90) days pursuant to Rule 15, RLPR. The suspension shall be effective 14 days from the date of the Court's suspension order. The reinstatement hearing provided for in Rule 18, RLPR, is not waived. Respondent shall be permitted to apply for reinstatement sixty (60) days after the suspension becomes effective. Reinstatement is conditioned upon: (1) payment of costs in the amount of \$900 plus interest 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); and (4) satisfaction of the continuing legal education requirements pursuant to Rule 18(e), RLPR.

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 by the undersigned counsel concerning this stipulation and these proceedings generally.

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

Dated: January 29, 2008.



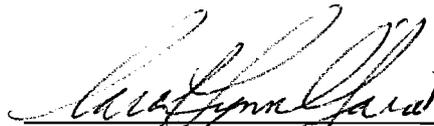
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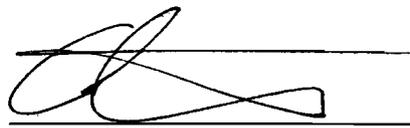
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Dated: February 4, 2008.



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Dated: 2/14/08, 2008.



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