

FILE NO. _____

STATE OF MINNESOTA

IN SUPREME COURT

In Re Petition for Disciplinary Action
against JON K. SANNES,
a Minnesota Attorney,
Registration No. 204316.

**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 upon the parties' agreement pursuant to Rules 10(a) and 12(a), Rules on Lawyers Professional Responsibility. The Director alleges:

The above-named attorney, hereinafter respondent, was admitted to practice law in Minnesota on October 27, 1989. Respondent currently practices law in Erskine, Minnesota.

Respondent has committed the following unprofessional conduct warranting public discipline:

DISCIPLINARY HISTORY

A. On November 24, 1992, respondent was issued an admonition for engaging in the unauthorized practice of law in North Dakota.

B. On March 9, 1995, respondent entered into a stipulation for private probation. Respondent's discipline was based on his neglect, failure to communicate and improper handling of a retainer in one client matter; failure to

promptly return the client's file in another matter; and failure to cooperate with the investigation of multiple disciplinary complaints.

C. On October 17, 2002, respondent entered into a stipulation for private probation. Respondent's discipline was based upon his false statement in an order for protection application respondent filed in a personal matter.

D. By order filed October 3, 2006, the Supreme Court publicly reprimanded respondent and placed him on probation for two years. Respondent's discipline was based on his failure to communicate adequately with a client and violation of the conditions of his criminal probation arising out of a driving while impaired (DWI) conviction.

E. On January 24, 2008, the Supreme Court publicly reprimanded respondent and extended his probation for two years from the date of that order. Respondent's discipline was based on his violation of the terms of his criminal probation and of the Supreme Court's October 3, 2006, order.

FIRST COUNT

Failure to Correct False Statement of Material Fact - Ranz Matter

1. In 2003, Sarah and Jeremy Ranz were married.
2. In 2004, Jeremy received from his grandparents an undivided one-quarter (1/4) interest in fee simple absolute in certain real estate.
3. In the spring of 2012, respondent began to represent Jeremy in a marital dissolution proceeding.
4. At no time did Jeremy disclose to Sarah (or, later, to her counsel in the dissolution proceeding) his ownership interest in the real estate as described in paragraph 2, above. Respondent states that Jeremy did not disclose this to respondent, either. Respondent did not disclose Jeremy's ownership interest to Sarah or her counsel.

5. On or about May 25, 2012, respondent notarized Ranz's signature, and affixed his own signature, on a marital termination agreement (MTA). In the MTA, Jeremy affirmed that he had disclosed all of his assets and that he did not own any real property. These statements were false. Jeremy had not disclosed his ownership in the real estate as set forth in paragraph 2, above.

6. On May 30, 2012, the court approved the MTA and entered the judgment and decree.

7. Respondent states that he learned of Jeremy's interest in the real estate on or about May 31, 2012. Respondent failed to inform the court, Sarah or her counsel.

8. Less than a week after respondent learned of Jeremy's interest, respondent drafted a quit claim deed by which Jeremy transferred his interest in the real estate to his parents, Robyne and Shelly Ranz. The deed was dated June 6, 2012, and respondent notarized Jeremy's signature on the deed on June 12, 2012. On June 14, 2012, respondent filed this quit claim deed with the county recorder.

9. A couple of months later, Sarah learned of Jeremy's interest in the real estate and of her own marital interest or lien in the real estate from a banker. At that time, the bank was attempting to extinguish Sarah's marital lien in the real estate as Robyne and Shelly Ranz were attempting to refinance a debt, using the real estate as collateral.

10. At no time did respondent disclose to the court, Sarah, or her counsel Jeremy's interest in the real estate.

11. Respondent's conduct violated Rules 3.3(a)(1), and 8.4(c) and (d), 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

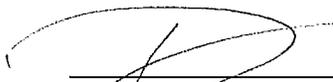
Rules on Lawyers Professional Responsibility, and for such other, further or different relief as may be just and proper.

Dated: March 19, 2013.



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