

FILE NO. A-03-0107

STATE OF MINNESOTA

IN SUPREME COURT

In Re Petition for Disciplinary Action
against THOMAS JOSEPH WHITE,
a Minnesota Attorney,
Registration No. 222823.

**STIPULATION
FOR DISBARMENT**

THIS STIPULATION is entered into by and between Kenneth L. Jorgensen, Director of the Office of Lawyers Professional Responsibility, hereinafter Director, and Thomas Joseph White, 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(e) and (g), 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 contest the referee's

findings, conclusions and disbarment recommendation, and to a hearing before the Supreme Court upon the record, briefs and arguments.

4. Respondent unconditionally admits the Referee's Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law dated February 26, 2004.

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 sanctions the Court will impose.

6. The Director and respondent join in recommending that the appropriate discipline is disbarment pursuant to Rule 15, RLPR. Respondent agrees to the imposition and payment of \$900 in costs, plus disbursements to be taxed pursuant to Rule 24, RLPR.

7. Because of additional serious misconduct committed by respondent after the January 2004 referee hearing, which is not addressed in the referee's findings, the parties request that the Court immediately enter an order disbarring respondent from the practice of law in order to avoid further serious harm to the public.

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

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

10. 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: March 16, 2004.



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