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STATE OF MINNESOTA

IN SUPREME COURT

In Re Petition for Disciplinary Action against IRA WILBUR WHITLOCK, a Minnesota Attorney, Registration No. 265275.	**STIPULATION FOR DISPENSING WITH PANEL PROCEEDINGS, FOR FILING PETITION FOR DISCIPLINARY ACTION, AND FOR DISCIPLINE**

THIS STIPULATION is entered into by and between Betty M. Shaw, Acting Director of the Office of Lawyers Professional Responsibility, hereinafter Director, and Ira Wilbur Whitlock, 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. It is understood that respondent has the right to have charges of unprofessional conduct heard by a Lawyers Professional Responsibility Board Panel prior to the filing of a petition for disciplinary action, as set forth in the Rules on Lawyers Professional Responsibility (RLPR). Pursuant to Rule 10(a), RLPR, the parties agree to dispense with Panel proceedings under Rule 9, RLPR, and respondent agrees to the immediate filing of a petition for disciplinary action, hereinafter petition, in the Minnesota Supreme Court.

2. Respondent understands that upon the filing of this stipulation and the petition, this matter 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. Respondent hereby admits service of the petition.

4. Respondent waives the right to answer and unconditionally admits the allegations of the petition which may be summarized as follows:

a. Respondent failed to competently effect service of process in a dram shop matter and failed to, in a timely fashion, tell his clients that he had failed to properly effectuate service in violation of Rules 1.1 and 1.4, MRPC.

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 a public reprimand pursuant to Rule 15, RLPR. Respondent agrees to the imposition and payment of $900 in costs pursuant to Rule 24, RLPR. Respondent understands and acknowledges that he remains on probation pursuant to the terms of the September 28, 2004, stipulation for probation.

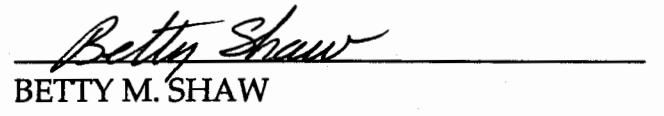
7. This stipulation is entered into by respondent freely and voluntarily, without any coercion, duress or representations by any person except as contained herein.

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

9. Respondent has been advised 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 12, 2006.



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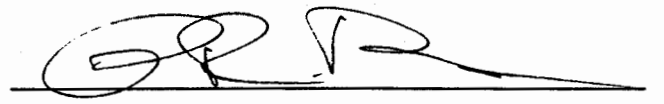

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