

FILE NO. _____

STATE OF MINNESOTA

IN SUPREME COURT

In Re Petition for Disciplinary Action
against JACQUELINE LOUISE WILLIAMS,
a Minnesota Attorney,
Registration No. 330668.

**STIPULATION FOR DISPENSING
WITH PANEL PROCEEDINGS,
FOR FILING PETITION FOR
DISCIPLINARY ACTION,
AND FOR DISCIPLINE**

THIS STIPULATION is entered into by and between Martin A. Cole, Director of the Office of Lawyers Professional Responsibility, hereinafter Director, and Jacqueline Louise Williams, 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. During the period from at least January through July 2007 respondent deposited earned fees into her trust account and issued trust account checks directly to her own business and personal creditors, in violation of Rules 1.15(a) and (b), Minnesota Rules of Professional Conduct (MRPC).

b. During the period June through July 2007 respondent knowingly issued trust account checks that were not supported by sufficient funds in the account, resulting in numerous overdrafts on the account, in violation of Rule 8.4(c), MRPC.

c. Respondent has had three professionally-incurred judgments entered against her, which she has failed to pay, in violation of Rule 8.4(d), 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. Based on respondent's representations and information currently available to the Director, respondent's misconduct as related to her trust account has stopped. Therefore, the Director and respondent join in recommending that the appropriate discipline is a public reprimand and two years of probation pursuant to Rule 15, RLPR, subject to the following terms and conditions:

a. Respondent shall cooperate fully with the Director's Office in its efforts to monitor compliance with this probation and promptly respond to the

Director's correspondence by the due date. Respondent shall provide to the Director a current mailing address and shall immediately notify the Director of any change of address. Respondent shall cooperate with the Director's investigation of any allegations of unprofessional conduct which may come to the Director's attention. Upon the Director's request, respondent shall provide authorization for release of information and documentation to verify compliance with the terms of this probation.

b. Respondent shall abide by the Minnesota Rules of Professional Conduct.

c. At this time, it is understood that respondent does not have a law office or trust account. Prior to respondent's acceptance of client funds as defined in Rule 1.15, MRPC, respondent shall establish a trust account. If and when respondent establishes a trust account, respondent shall maintain law office and trust account books and records in compliance with Rule 1.15, MRPC, and Appendix 1 to the MRPC. These books and records include the following: client subsidiary ledger, checkbook register, monthly trial balances, monthly trust account reconciliation, bank statements, canceled checks, duplicate deposit slips and bank reports of interest, service charges and interest payments to the Lawyer Trust Account Board. Such books and records shall be made available to the Director within 30 days of the approval of this stipulation and thereafter shall be made available to the Director at such intervals as he deems necessary to determine compliance.

d. Respondent shall make good faith efforts to satisfy the judgment entered against her and in favor of Wilcox & Fetzer, B.Y. and Benchmark Court Reporting, and any other law-related judgments entered against her, during the term of probation. Respondent shall make good faith efforts to reimburse M&I Bank for the negative balance that existed in her trust account at the time it was

closed. Respondent shall affirmatively, without reminder from the Director's Office, advise the Director quarterly of her progress.

7. Respondent agrees to the imposition and payment of \$900 in costs pursuant to Rule 24, RLPR.

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.

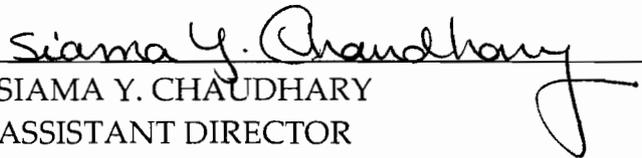
10. Respondent has been advised of the right to be represented herein by an attorney but has freely chosen to appear *pro se*.

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

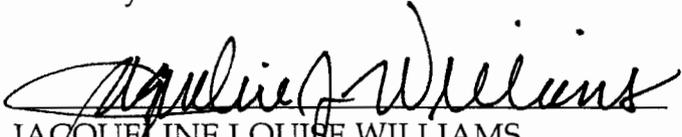
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