FILE NO. C3-87-1683

STATE OF MINNESOTA

IN SUPREME COURT

In Re Petition for Disciplinary Action against HAROLD R. WINGERD, an Attorney at Law of the State of Minnesota.

STIPULATION FOR DISCIPLINE

WHEREAS, a hearing on the Director's February 26, 2001, petition for disciplinary action, as amended on June 13, 2001, was held before Supreme Court Referee Warren E. Litynski on June 13, 2001, in St. Paul, Minnesota,

WHEREAS, Referee Warren E. Litynski filed with this Court the findings of fact, conclusions of law, and recommendation for discipline dated June 29, 2001,

WHEREAS, the Director and respondent agree that the referee's recommendation for discipline is appropriate,

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED by and between the undersigned as follows:

1. The Director and respondent hereby waive briefing and oral argument to the Supreme Court.

2. The Director and respondent hereby stipulate that the referee's findings of fact and conclusions of law are conclusive except for Referee Finding 17. Respondent does not agree with Referee Finding 17. Respondent and the Director agree that Finding 17 is not critical to the disposition of the matter and that the remaining findings to which respondent does stipulate, are a sufficient basis for the referee's recommendation.

3. Respondent understands that based upon this stipulation, this Court may impose any of the sanctions set forth in Rule 15(a)(1) - (9), Rules on Lawyers Professional Responsibility (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.

4. The Director and respondent join in recommending the discipline recommended by Referee Warren E. Litynski, namely that respondent be suspended from the practice of law for six months effective two weeks from the date of this order and that reinstatement pursuant to Rule 18(a)-(e), RLPR, be conditioned upon payment of Rule 24, RLPR, costs and disbursements and compliance with Rule 26, RLPR.

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

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

7. 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: November 19, 2001.

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