STATE OF MINNESOTA

IN SUPREME COURT

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In re Petition for Disciplinary Action against
Patricia Jean Ryerson, a Minnesota Attorney,
Registration No. 216665.

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ORDER

On July 17, 2007, the Director of the Office of Lawyers Professional Responsibility filed a petition alleging that respondent Patricia Jean Ryerson committed professional misconduct warranting public discipline. The Director filed an amended and supplementary petition on December 11, 2007. On January 29, 2008, we referred the matter to a referee for findings of fact and recommendations for disposition. After a hearing, the referee found that respondent violated Minn. R. Prof. Conduct 8.4(c) and 1.8(a). The referee recommends that respondent be disbarred and, in addition, that respondent be immediately suspended pending the final determination of discipline.

Rule 16(e), Rules on Lawyers Professional Responsibility (RLPR), provides that upon a referee's recommendation of disbarment, "the lawyer's authority to practice law shall be suspended pending final determination of the disciplinary proceeding" unless the referee recommends or this court orders otherwise.

Based upon all the files, records and proceedings herein,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that respondent Patricia Jean Ryerson is temporarily suspended from the practice of law, effective as of the date of filing of this order, pending

final resolution of this matter. Respondent shall comply with Rule 26, RLPR (requiring notice of suspension to clients, opposing counsel, and tribunals).

Dated: August 4, 2008

BY THE COURT:

Alan C. Page
Associate Justice