

STATE OF MINNESOTA
IN SUPREME COURT

A-8

In Re Petition for Amendments to Minnesota
Rules on Lawyers Professional Responsibility.

ORDER

WHEREAS, the Office of the Clerk of Appellate Courts filed a petition requesting amendments to Rules 12, 13, 16 and 18, Rules on Lawyers Professional Responsibility; and

WHEREAS, the court has given due consideration to such amendments at a meeting on February 16, 1984;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the following amendments be and hereby are adopted [new material underscored; matter to be deleted lined out]:

**RULE 12. PETITION FOR
DISCIPLINARY ACTION**

(a) Petition. When so directed by a Panel or by this Court or when authorized under Rule 10, the Director shall file with this Court a petition for disciplinary action. An original and nine copies shall be filed. The petition shall set forth the unprofessional conduct charged.

[Subsections (b) and (c) unchanged]

**RULE 13. ANSWER TO PETITION FOR
DISCIPLINARY ACTION**

(a) Filing. Within 20 days after service of the petition, the respondent shall file ~~in duplicate in this Court~~ an answer an original and nine copies of an answer in this Court. The answer may deny or admit any accusations or state any defense, privilege, or matter in mitigation.

[Subsections (b) and (c) unchanged]

**RULE 16. TEMPORARY SUSPENSION PENDING
DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS**

(a) Petition for temporary suspension. In any case where the Director files or has filed a petition under Rule 12, if it appears that a continuation of the lawyer's authority to practice law pending final determination of the disciplinary proceeding may result in risk of injury to the public, the Director may file with this Court an original and nine copies of a petition for suspension of the lawyer pending final determination of the disciplinary proceeding. The petition shall set forth facts as may constitute grounds for the suspension and may be supported by a transcript of evidence taken by a Panel, court records, documents or affidavits.

[Subsection (b) unchanged]

(c) Answer. Within 20 days after service of the petition or such shorter time as this Court may order, the lawyer shall file ~~in duplicate~~ in this Court an original and nine copies of an answer to the petition for temporary suspension. If he fails to do so within that time or any extension of time this Court may grant, the petition's allegations shall be deemed admitted and this Court may enter an order suspending the lawyer pending final determination of disciplinary proceedings. The answer may be supported by a transcript of any evidence taken by the Panel, court records, documents, or affidavits.

[Subsection (d) unchanged]

RULE 18. REINSTATEMENT

(a) Petition for reinstatement. A suspended, disbarred, or resigned lawyer's petition for reinstatement to practice law shall be served upon the Director and the president of the State Bar Association. The original petition, with proof of service, and ~~one~~ nine copies, shall then be filed with this Court.

[Subsections (b), (c), (d) and (e) unchanged]

DATED: February 21, 1984.

BY THE COURT

OFFICE OF
APPELLATE COURTS
FILED

FEB 21 1984


Douglas K. Amdahl, Chief Justice

WAYNE TSCHIMPERLE
CLERK