

STATE OF MINNESOTA
IN SUPREME COURT
A13-0855



In re Petition for Disciplinary Action against
Mary Irene Johnson, a Minnesota Attorney,
Registration No. 225162.

O R D E R

The Director of the Office of Lawyers Professional Responsibility has filed a petition for disciplinary action alleging that respondent Mary Irene Johnson committed professional misconduct warranting public discipline, namely, opening the mail of the opposing party in a case without authorization in order to obtain evidence, in violation of Minn. R. Prof. Conduct 4.4(a) and 8.4(d).

Respondent waives her procedural rights under Rule 14, Rules on Lawyers Professional Responsibility (RLPR), withdraws her answer, and unconditionally admits the allegations of the petition. The parties jointly recommend that the appropriate discipline is a public reprimand and 2 years of unsupervised probation.

The court has independently reviewed the file and approves the recommended disposition.

Based upon all the files, records, and proceedings herein,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

(1) Respondent Mary Irene Johnson is publicly reprimanded and placed on 2 years of probation 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. Respondent shall promptly respond to the Director's correspondence by the due date. Respondent shall provide the Director with 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 that may come to the Director's attention. Upon the Director's request, respondent shall authorize the release of information and documentation to verify compliance with the terms of this probation; and

(b) Respondent shall abide by the Minnesota Rules of Professional Conduct; and

(2) Respondent shall pay \$900 in costs pursuant to Rule 24, RLPR.

Dated: August 29, 2013

BY THE COURT:

/s/

Alan C. Page
Associate Justice