

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
IN SUPREME COURT

A14-2111



In re Petition for Disciplinary Action against  
DeAnna Jeanne Schleusner, a Minnesota Attorney,  
Registration No. 265597.

ORDER

The Director of the Office of Lawyers Professional Responsibility has filed a petition for disciplinary action alleging that respondent DeAnna Jeanne Schleusner committed professional misconduct warranting public discipline, namely: neglect and non-communication in two client matters; filing amendments in a bankruptcy matter on behalf of clients who had not seen or signed the documents; failing to comply with court rules and orders; failing to file required documents; making a misrepresentation to clients about the status of their matter; failing to promptly issue a refund and return the clients' file; and failing to cooperate with disciplinary investigations, in violation of Minn. R. Prof. Conduct 1.1, 1.3, 1.4, 1.16(d), 3.3(a)(1), 3.4(c), 8.1(b), 8.4(c), and 8.4(d), and Rule 25, Rules on Lawyers Professional Responsibility (RLPR).

Respondent waives her procedural rights under Rule 14, RLPR, withdraws her previously filed answer and amended answer, and unconditionally admits the allegations in the petition. The parties jointly recommend that the appropriate discipline is a 30-day suspension and 2 years of supervised probation. In their stipulation, the parties indicate that respondent presented evidence of mitigating factors to the Director.

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 DeAnna Jeanne Schleusner is suspended from the practice of law for a minimum of 30 days, effective 14 days from the date of the filing of this order.

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

3. Respondent shall pay \$900 in costs pursuant to Rule 24, RLPR.

4. Respondent shall be eligible for reinstatement to the practice of law following the expiration of the suspension period provided that, not less than 15 days before the end of the suspension period, respondent files with the Clerk of Appellate Courts and serves upon the Director an affidavit establishing that she is current in continuing legal education requirements, has complied with Rules 24 and 26, RLPR, and has complied with any other conditions for reinstatement imposed by the court.

5. Within 1 year of the date of the filing of this order, respondent shall file with the Clerk of Appellate Courts and serve upon the Director proof of successful completion of the professional responsibility portion of the state bar examination. Failure to timely file the required documentation shall result in automatic re-suspension, as provided in Rule 18(e)(3), RLPR.

6. Upon reinstatement to the practice of law, respondent shall be subject to probation for 2 years, subject to the following 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 its 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 provide authorization for release of information and documentation to verify respondent's compliance with the terms of this probation;

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

(c) Respondent shall be supervised by a licensed Minnesota attorney, appointed by the Director, to monitor compliance with the terms of this probation. Within 14 days from the date of the filing of this order, respondent shall provide the Director with the names of four attorneys who have agreed to be nominated as respondent's supervisor. If, after diligent effort, respondent is unable to locate a supervisor acceptable to the Director, the Director shall seek to appoint a supervisor. Until a supervisor has signed a consent to supervise, respondent shall, on the first day of each month, provide the Director with an inventory of client files as described in paragraph (d) below. Respondent shall make active client files available to the Director upon request;

(d) Respondent shall cooperate fully with the supervisor's efforts to monitor compliance with this probation. Respondent shall contact the supervisor and schedule a minimum of one in-person meeting per calendar quarter. Respondent shall submit to the supervisor an inventory of all active client files by the first day of each month during the probation. With respect to each active file, the inventory shall disclose the client name, type of representation, date opened, most recent activity, next anticipated action, and anticipated closing date. Respondent's supervisor shall file written reports with the Director at least quarterly, or at such more frequent intervals as the Director may reasonably request;

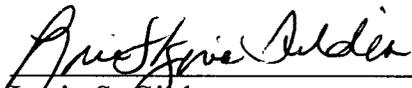
(e) Respondent shall initiate and maintain office procedures that ensure that there are prompt responses to correspondence, telephone calls, and other important communications from clients, courts, and other persons interested in matters that respondent is handling and that will ensure that respondent regularly reviews each and every file and completes legal matters on a timely basis. Within 30 days from the date of the filing of this

order, respondent shall provide to the Director and to the probation supervisor, if any, a written plan outlining office procedures designed to ensure that she is in compliance with probation requirements. Respondent shall provide progress reports as requested; and

(f) Respondent shall initiate or continue current treatment by a licensed consulting psychologist or other mental health professional acceptable to the Director and shall complete all therapy programs recommended by the therapist. Respondent shall provide the necessary authorizations to allow the Director to verify her compliance with treatment.

Dated: September 1, 2015

BY THE COURT:

  
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Lorie S. Gildea  
Chief Justice