

STATE OF MINNESOTA
IN SUPREME COURT
A13-0531



In re Petition for Disciplinary Action against
Richard Wayne Petty, a Minnesota Attorney,
Registration No. 340662.

O R D E R

The Director of the Office of Lawyers Professional Responsibility filed a petition for disciplinary action alleging that respondent Richard Wayne Petty committed professional misconduct warranting public discipline. The matter was referred to a referee. In the findings of fact, conclusions of law, and recommendation for discipline, the referee found that respondent failed to diligently represent a client, made multiple false statements to two clients and to a third party, forged a client's signature on a document, submitted false or fraudulently obtained evidence to a court in two matters, failed to deposit client funds into his trust account, failed to keep required trust account books and records, offered monetary settlements conditioned on two former clients withdrawing their disciplinary complaints, failed to cooperate with disciplinary investigations, and made false statements to the Director. The referee concluded that respondent violated Minn. R. Prof. Conduct 1.3, 1.4(a)(3), 1.15(a), 3.3(a)(3), 4.1, 8.1(b), 8.4(c) and (d), and App. 1 thereto, and Rule 25, Rules on Lawyers Professional Responsibility (RLPR) and recommended that respondent be indefinitely suspended for a minimum of 2 years.

