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STATE OF MINNESOTA
IN SUPREME COURT

A14-0435

In re Petition for Disciplinary Action against
Bruce Anthony Kunz, a Minnesota Attorney,
Registration No. 225289.

O R D E R

The Director of the Office of Lawyers Professional Responsibility has filed a petition for disciplinary action alleging that respondent Bruce Anthony Kunz committed professional misconduct warranting public discipline, namely: (1) entering into business transactions with clients without the required written disclosures and without obtaining their written, informed consent to the essential terms of the transactions and respondent's role in them, in violation of Minn. R. Prof. Conduct 1.8(a); (2) representing clients despite a conflict of interest that existed because of the business transactions respondent had entered into with these clients, including representing one such client in a bankruptcy proceeding, in violation of Minn. R. Prof. Conduct 1.7(a)(2) and 8.4(d); and (3) failing to disclose a client's interest in and income from one of respondent's business transactions with the client to a bankruptcy court and bankruptcy trustee, in violation of Minn. R. Prof. Conduct 3.3(a), 4.1, and 8.4(c).

Respondent unconditionally admits the allegations in the petition, withdraws his previously filed answer, and waives his rights under Rule 14, Rules on Lawyers Professional Responsibility (RLPR). In a stipulation, respondent and the Director jointly recommend that the appropriate discipline is suspension from the practice of law for a

minimum of 4 months, with the right to file a petition for reinstatement not more than 60 days before the expiration of the suspension period.

This court has independently reviewed the file and approves the jointly recommended disposition.

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

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. Respondent Bruce Anthony Kunz is suspended from the practice of law for a minimum of 4 months, effective 14 days from the date of the filing of this order, with leave to file a petition for reinstatement not more than 60 days before the expiration of the minimum suspension period;

2. Respondent may petition for reinstatement pursuant to Rule 18(a)-(d), RLPR. Reinstatement is conditioned on successful completion of the professional responsibility portion of the state bar examination, and satisfaction of continuing legal education requirements pursuant to Rule 18(e), RLPR; and

3. Respondent shall comply with Rule 26, RLPR (requiring notice of suspension to clients, opposing counsel, and tribunals), and shall pay \$900 in costs pursuant to Rule 24, RLPR.

Dated: August 28, 2014

BY THE COURT:



Alan C. Page
Associate Justice