

STATE OF MINNESOTA

IN SUPREME COURT

A15-1855

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**OFFICE OF
APPELLATE COURTS**

In Re Petition for Disciplinary Action
against PAUL ROBERT HANSMEIER,
a Minnesota Attorney,
Registration No. 0387795.

ORDER

The Director of the Office of Lawyers Professional Responsibility has filed a petition for disciplinary action and a supplementary petition for disciplinary action alleging that respondent Paul Robert Hansmeier has committed professional misconduct warranting public discipline, namely, in one matter bringing a suit for the sole purpose of conducting discovery to find the identity of others against whom claims could be made, making misrepresentations to the tribunal, filing articles of termination of a corporation that contained false statements, failing to comply with discovery requests, failing to pay attorneys' fees assessed against him by the court, and transferring funds out of his law firm in order to avoid paying sanctions, in violation of Rules 3.1, 3.3(a)(1), 3.4(c) and (d), 4.1, and 8.4(c) and (d), Minnesota Rules of Professional Conduct; in a second matter participating in the bringing of an action without basis in law and fact, making false and misleading statements to the court, failing to pay attorneys' fees assessed against him, and submitting to the court a financial statement that was false, misleading and deceptive, in violation of Rules 3.1, 3.3(a), 3.4(c), 4.1, and 8.4(c) and (d), Illinois Rules of Professional Conduct¹; in a third matter failing to appear at a hearing as ordered by the court and bringing an action without merit and for an improper purpose in violation of Rules 3-200 and 3-500, California Rules of Professional Conduct; and in a fourth matter testifying falsely during a deposition, bringing a frivolous claim and

¹ Rule 8.5(b), MRPC, provides that the professional rules to be applied in connection with a matter pending before a tribunal are the professional rules of the jurisdiction.

perpetrating a fraud upon the court in violation of Rules 3-200 and 5-200, California Rules of Professional Conduct.

Respondent waives his rights under Rule 14, Rules on Lawyers Professional Responsibility (RLPR), withdraws his previously filed answers, and unconditionally admits the allegations in the petitions, with the exception of one paragraph which the Director has withdrawn. The parties recommend that the appropriate discipline is an indefinite suspension with no right to petition for a minimum of four years.

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

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

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. Respondent Paul Robert Hansmeier is indefinitely suspended from the practice of law, effective 14 days from the date of this order, with no right to petition for reinstatement for four years.

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.

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: _____, 2016.

BY THE COURT:

David R. Stras
Associate Justice