

SUPREME COURT OF MINNESOTA

In re Disciplinary Action Against Hulstrand

757 N.W.2d 690 (Minn. 2008) · Decided November 26, 2008

SUMMARY

The Minnesota Supreme Court approved a jointly recommended disposition in a lawyer disciplinary matter involving George E. Hulstrand, Jr.'s misconduct in representing a bankruptcy client. The court publicly reprimanded Hulstrand, placed him on two years of supervised probation, and ordered him to pay \$900 in costs.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	Supreme Court of Minnesota
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Alan C. Page
JURISDICTION	Minnesota
DECIDED	November 26, 2008
DISPOSITION	approved
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	The Director of the Office of Lawyers Professional Responsibility filed a petition alleging that George E. Hulstrand, Jr., committed professional misconduct in connection with a bankruptcy representation. Hulstrand admitted the violations, waived his procedural rights, and jointly recommended with the Director that the court impose a public reprimand and two years of supervised probation.
STANDARD OF REVIEW	Independent review of the disciplinary file, records, and proceedings.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	published

TOPICS

[bankruptcy](#) [bankruptcy disclosure requirements](#)

PRACTICE AREAS

[legal ethics and professional responsibility](#) [bankruptcy law](#) [attorney discipline](#)

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether the respondent's admitted professional misconduct warranted the jointly recommended discipline of a public reprimand and two years of supervised probation.
2. What conditions should govern the respondent's probation.

HOLDINGS

1. The court approved the jointly recommended disposition and publicly reprimanded Hulstrand for his admitted professional misconduct.

KEY QUOTATIONS

"The court has independently reviewed the file and approves the jointly recommended disposition." (757 N.W.2d at 691)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Hulstrand failed to competently represent a client in a bankruptcy matter and failed to properly withdraw while protecting the client's interests. He also failed to respond to requests from the bankruptcy trustee, failed to appear at a bankruptcy hearing, and failed to keep the client reasonably informed or adequately explain the matter. Hulstrand admitted that this conduct violated the Minnesota Rules of Professional Conduct.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

The Director filed a disciplinary petition alleging violations of the Minnesota Rules of Professional Conduct. The respondent admitted the misconduct and waived procedural rights under Rule 14 of the Rules on Lawyers Professional Responsibility. The Minnesota Supreme Court independently reviewed the record and approved the jointly recommended disposition.

DISPOSITION

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