Rule 15. Disposition; Protection of Clients

(a) Disposition. Upon conclusion of the proceedings, this Court may:

(1) Disbar the lawyer;

(2) Suspend the lawyer indefinitely or for a stated period of time;

(3) Order the lawyer to pay costs;

(4) Place the lawyer on a probationary status for a stated period, or until further order of this Court, with such conditions as this Court may specify and to be supervised by the Director;

(5) Reprimand the lawyer;

(6) Order the lawyer to successfully complete within a specified period such written examination as may be required of applicants for admission to the practice of law by the State Board of Law Examiners on the subject of professional responsibility;

(7) Make such other disposition as this Court deems appropriate;

(8) Require the lawyer to pay costs and disbursements; in addition, in those contested cases where the lawyer has acted in the proceedings in bad faith, vexatiously, or for oppressive reasons, order the lawyer to pay reasonable attorney fees;

(9) Dismiss the petition for disciplinary action or petition for revocation of conditional admission, in which case the Court's order may denominate the lawyer by number or randomly selected initials and may direct that the remainder of the record be sealed; or

(10) Revoke, modify or extend a conditional admission agreement.

(b) Protection of clients. When a lawyer is disciplined or permitted to resign, this Court may issue orders as may be appropriate for the protection of clients or other persons.

(c) Petition for rehearing. A petition for rehearing may be filed regarding an order of the Court under this rule, by following the procedures of Minn. R. Civ. App. P. 140. The filing of a petition for rehearing shall not stay this Court's order.

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