## STATE OF MINNESOTA IN SUPREME COURT



A24-1527

In re Petition for Disciplinary Action against Zaylore S. Stout, a Minnesota Attorney, Registration No. 0392929.

## ORDER

The Director of the Office of Lawyers Professional Responsibility filed a petition for disciplinary action alleging that respondent Zaylore S. Stout committed professional misconduct warranting public discipline, namely, failing to cooperate in a disciplinary investigation; in two client matters, neglecting the matter, failing to communicate with the client, and failing to return or promptly return the client's file upon termination of representation; and making a knowingly false statement to one of these clients. *See* Minn. R. Prof. Conduct 1.3, 1.4(a)(3)–(4), 1.15(c)(4), 1.16(d), 4.1, 8.1(b), 8.4(c); Rule 25, Rules on Lawyers Professional Responsibility (RLPR). Respondent did not respond to the petition. On November 5, 2025, we deemed the allegations in the petition admitted. *See* Rule 13(b), RLPR. The parties were invited to submit memoranda on the appropriate discipline to be imposed; however, only the Director filed a memorandum on the issue of the appropriate discipline.

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

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. Respondent Zaylore S. Stout 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 1 year.

2. Respondent may petition for reinstatement pursuant to Rule 18(a)–(d),

RLPR. Reinstatement is conditioned on successful completion of the written examination

required for admission to the practice of law by the State Board of Law Examiners on the

subject of professional responsibility, see Rule 18(e)(2), RLPR; see also Rule 4.A.(5),

Rules for Admission to the Bar (requiring evidence that an applicant has successfully

completed the Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination); and satisfaction of

continuing legal education requirements, see Rule 18(e)(4), 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: April 23, 2025

BY THE COURT:

Gordon L. Moore, III

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Associate Justice

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