



In the
Indiana Supreme Court

In the Matter of:)
Margaret S. FALLS,) Supreme Court Cause No.
Respondent.) 02S00-0803-DI-140

**PUBLISHED ORDER APPROVING STATEMENT OF CIRCUMSTANCES
AND CONDITIONAL AGREEMENT FOR DISCIPLINE**

Pursuant to Indiana Admission and Discipline Rule 23(11), the Indiana Supreme Court Disciplinary Commission and Respondent have submitted for approval a "Statement of Circumstances and Conditional Agreement for Discipline" stipulating agreed facts and proposed discipline as summarized below:

Stipulated Facts: Count I: Based on an incident on October 25, 1996, Respondent pled guilty to Operating a Vehicle While Intoxicated ("OWI"), a class C misdemeanor. Count II: Based on an incident on March 16, 2007, Respondent pled guilty to operating a vehicle with a blood alcohol content of 0.15% or greater, a class A misdemeanor.

Violations: The parties agree that Respondent violated Indiana Professional Conduct Rule 8.4(b), which prohibits committing a criminal act that reflects adversely on honesty, trustworthiness, or fitness as a lawyer.

Discipline: The parties agree the appropriate sanction is a 90-day suspension, all stayed subject to a 24-month period of probation, described in more detail below. The Court, having considered the submission of the parties, now APPROVES and ORDERS the agreed discipline.

For Respondent's professional misconduct, the Court **suspends Respondent from the practice of law for a period of 90 days, all stayed subject to completion of 24 months of probation.** The Court incorporates by reference the terms and conditions of probation set forth in the parties' Conditional Agreement, which include:

- (1) Respondent shall meet all requirements of her agreement with the Judges and Lawyers Assistance Program and shall have no criminal arrests or violations of the Rules of Professional Conduct during her probation.
- (2) If Respondent violates her probation, the 90-day suspension shall be actively served without automatic reinstatement, and Respondent may be reinstated only through the procedures of Admission and Discipline Rule 23(4) and (18).

Respondent's probation shall remain in effect until such time as it is terminated pursuant to Admission and Discipline Rule 23(17.1).

The costs of this proceeding are assessed against Respondent. With the acceptance of this agreement, the hearing officer appointed in this case is discharged.

The Court directs the Clerk to forward a copy of this Order to the hearing officer, to the parties or their respective attorneys, to all other entities entitled to notice under Admission and Discipline Rule 23(3)(d), and to Thomson/West for publication in the bound volumes of this Court's decisions.

DONE at Indianapolis, Indiana, this 10th day of October, 2008.



Randall T. Shepard
Chief Justice of Indiana

All Justice concur.