

State of Nebraska, ex rel.,
Nebraska State Bar Association,

Relator,

v.

Patrick J. Craven,

Respondent.

No. S-95-514.

ORDER OF TEMPORARY SUSPENSION



On April 17, 1995, pursuant to an application of representatives of the Nebraska State Bar Association, this court entered an order for attorney Patrick J. Craven to show cause within 14 days of the service upon him of said show cause order why his license to practice law in this state should not be temporarily suspended.

The record in this court reflects that the Nebraska State Bar Association's Assistant Counsel for Discipline has filed a complaint against Craven charging him with nine counts of violation of his duties as a licensed attorney at law. The complaint generally alleges a pattern of neglect by the Respondent of his clients' cases and of his responsibility to the courts of this State. The charges also allege that the Respondent has repeatedly neglected his responsibility to the Nebraska State Bar Association by failing to respond to the Counsel for Discipline's inquiries as required by Rule 9(E) of the Supreme Court Rules of Discipline.

In addition, the record reflects that Respondent has failed to timely respond to this court's order to show cause why he should not be temporarily suspended from the practice of law. This court's order required that the Respondent show cause within 14 days of receiving the show cause order. The record reflects that this court's show cause order was personally served upon the

Respondent on April 18, 1995, in Crete, Saline County, Nebraska, by a Saline County deputy sheriff. As of this date, the Respondent has failed to respond to the show cause order. The time has now expired for the Respondent to show cause why he should not be temporarily suspended from the practice of law until further order of this Court.

Upon due consideration of the pleadings and files in this disciplinary proceeding, pursuant to Rule 12 of this Court's Disciplinary Rules, this Court finds that if Patrick J. Craven is allowed to continue the practice of law while this proceeding is pending, he will cause serious damage to the public and to members of the Nebraska State Bar Association.


IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that Patrick J. Craven is suspended from the practice of law until further order of the court.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that Patrick J. Craven is ordered to forthwith comply with Rule 16 of the Disciplinary Rules of this court and upon his failure to do so, he shall be subject to punishment for contempt of this court.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this temporary suspension order be personally served upon the Respondent by the Sheriff of Saline County or one of his duly authorized deputies.

DATED this 11 day of May, 1995.

BY THE COURT



Chief Justice