

FILE NO. _____

STATE OF MINNESOTA

IN SUPREME COURT

In Re Petition for Disciplinary Action
against WILLIAM F. JONES,
a Minnesota Attorney,
Registration No. 146444.

**PETITION FOR
DISCIPLINARY ACTION**

TO THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

The Director of the Office of Lawyers Professional Responsibility, hereinafter Director, files this petition upon the parties' agreement pursuant to Rules 10(a) and 12(a), Rules on Lawyers Professional Responsibility (RLPR). The Director alleges:

The above-named attorney, hereinafter respondent, was admitted to practice law in Minnesota on May 6, 1983. Respondent is currently suspended from the practice of law pursuant to a Supreme Court Order of August 8, 2007.

Respondent has committed the following unprofessional conduct warranting public discipline:

DISCIPLINARY HISTORY

- A. On March 28, 1989, respondent received an admonition for violation of Rule 8.4(c), Minnesota Rules of Professional Conduct (MRPC).
- B. On October 26, 1995, respondent received an admonition for violation of Rules 1.7(a) and 1.9, MRPC.
- C. On February 11, 1997, respondent received an admonition for violation of Rule 8.4(c) and (d), MRPC.
- D. On November 17, 1999, respondent stipulated to a two-year private probation for violation of Rules 1.3, 3.3(a), 4.1, 8.4(c), and 8.4(d), MRPC.

E. On July 5, 2006, respondent was suspended from the practice of law for 60 days for violation of Rules 1.8(a) and 1.15(c)(2), MRPC.

F. On August 8, 2007, respondent was suspended from the practice of law for failing to comply with a condition of his reinstatement from the July 5, 2006, suspension, namely, that he successfully complete the professional responsibility portion of the state bar examination by July 5, 2007.

G. On March 25, 2008, respondent received an admonition for violation of Rule 1.3, MRPC.

FIRST COUNT

1. On December 8, 2008, respondent was adjudged guilty of a felony in United States District Court. More specifically, respondent pled guilty to, on or about April 15, 2002, willfully making and subscribing to a U.S. Individual Income Tax return for calendar year 2001, which was verified by written declaration stating that said return was made under the penalties of perjury and was filed with the Internal Revenue Service and which he did not believe to be true and correct as to all material matters, in that the return incorporated forms 8824 which falsely described a like-kind exchange of property at 1563 Wynne, 1910 Feronia and 1619 Hubbard for property already owned by respondent, all in violation of Title 26, United States Code, Section 7206(1).

2. Rule 19(a), RLPR, provides, in relevant part:

Criminal Conviction. A lawyer's criminal conviction in any American jurisdiction, even if upon a plea of nolo contendere or subject to appellate review, is, in proceedings under these Rules, conclusive evidence that the lawyer committed the conduct for which the lawyer was convicted.

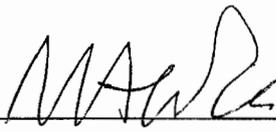
3. On July 16, 2008, respondent pled guilty to the crime charged and, on December 8, 2008, he was adjudged guilty and sentenced to a term of imprisonment of

one year and one day and a term of supervised release for one year following release from imprisonment.

4. Respondent's conduct violated Rule 8.4(b) and (c), Minnesota Rules of Professional Conduct.

WHEREFORE, the Director respectfully prays for an order of this Court imposing appropriate discipline, awarding costs and disbursements pursuant to the Rules on Lawyers Professional Responsibility, and for such other, further or different relief as may be just and proper.

Dated: December 15, 2008.



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