

FILE NO. _____

STATE OF MINNESOTA

IN SUPREME COURT

In Re Petition for Disciplinary
Action against LEWIS M. KOSS,
an Attorney at Law of the
State of Minnesota.

**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 seeking reciprocal discipline pursuant to Rule 12(d), Rules on Lawyers Professional Responsibility. The Director alleges:

The above-named attorney, hereinafter respondent, was admitted to practice law in Minnesota on February 18, 1969. Respondent's last known address is Federal Correctional Institute, 5880 State Highway 67 South, Florence, Colorado. Prior to 1989, respondent was voluntarily placed on CLE restricted status in Minnesota. On April 1, 1994, respondent's Minnesota license to practice law was suspended for nonpayment of the annual attorney registration fees.

On May 1, 1996, respondent was publicly disciplined by the California Supreme Court, as more fully set forth herein:

1. On June 25, 1991, respondent was found guilty in the United States District Court for the Southern District of California of one count of racketeering in violation of Title 18, U.S.C. § 1962 and three counts of mail fraud in violation of Title 18, U.S.C. § 1341. Both crimes are felonies. The United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit affirmed respondent's criminal conviction in June 1994.

2. Respondent was sentenced to 46 months on each of the four counts to run concurrently and fined \$100,000. Additionally, respondent will be placed on supervised release for three years.

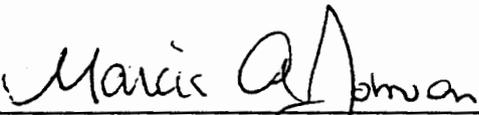
3. On or about September 1, 1992, respondent was placed on interim suspension in California while the California State Bar sought respondent's summary disbarment.

4. On May 1, 1996, the California Supreme Court disbarred respondent from the practice of law. See Exhibit 1.

5. Respondent's conduct violated Rules 8.4(b), (c) and (d), Minnesota Rules of Professional Conduct (MRPC).

WHEREFORE, the Director respectfully prays for an order of this Court disbarring respondent from the practice of law, awarding costs and disbursements pursuant to the Rules of Lawyers Professional Responsibility, and for such other, further or different relief as may be just and proper.

Dated: September 9, 1996.



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