

FILE NO. _____

STATE OF MINNESOTA

IN SUPREME COURT

In Re Petition for Disciplinary Action
against ANDREW MacCORMACK MORRIS,
a Minnesota Attorney,
Registration No. 26586X.

**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 September 13, 1996. Respondent most recently practiced law in New Prague, Minnesota; respondent currently resides in Texas. Respondent was suspended on July 1, 2010, for nonpayment of the lawyer registration fee.

Respondent has committed the following unprofessional conduct warranting public discipline:

FIRST COUNT

1. Respondent was criminally charged with one count of aggravated forgery and one count of insurance fraud, both felonies (Exhibits 1 and 2).
2. In December 2010, respondent pled guilty to one count of misconduct by a public official in violation of Minn. Stat. § 609.43(4), a gross misdemeanor (Exhibit 3).
3. Respondent received a stay of execution of sentence, three years' probation and was ordered to make restitution in an amount to be determined by the Department of Corrections.

4. In 2008, respondent operated a title company and conducted real estate closings. In that capacity, respondent was requested in March 2008 to conduct a mortgage loan closing on behalf of a bank officer with whom respondent regularly did business.

5. Respondent's conviction was based upon his conduct in altering a photocopy of a prior subordination agreement signed by a party to a loan transaction, falsely notarizing the photocopied signature of that individual, and submitting the document to a bank as being genuine (Exhibit 4). These actions were done without the knowledge or consent of the individual.

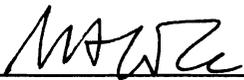
6. The individual whose signature respondent falsely notarized later stated that he would not have agreed to sign the subordination agreement had respondent made inquiry.

7. Pursuant to Rule 19(a), RLPR, a criminal conviction is conclusive evidence that the lawyer committed the conduct for which he was convicted.

8. Respondent's conduct violated Rules 3.4(a) and (b), 8.4(b), (c) and (d), 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: February 8, 2011.



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