

FILE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

STATE OF MINNESOTA

IN SUPREME COURT

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In Re Petition for Disciplinary  
Action against WILLIAM C. PUGH,  
an Attorney at Law of the  
State of Minnesota.  
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**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. The Director alleges:

The above-named attorney, hereinafter respondent, was admitted to practice law in Minnesota on October 28, 1988. Respondent was suspended on July 7, 1996, for non-payment of attorney registration fees.

Respondent has committed the following unprofessional conduct warranting public discipline:

FIRST COUNT

1. In September 1996 respondent was indicted by a federal grand jury with 24 counts of mail fraud, wire fraud, interstate transportation of money obtained by fraud, money laundering, concealment of material facts and causing the unlawful act of another. In March 1997, a second superceding indictment alleging 34 counts of the same offenses was issued.

2. On June 30, 1997, respondent was convicted of 33 counts after trial by a federal jury. *U.S. v. William C. Pugh*, Cr. 3-96-114 (U.S. Dist. Ct., D. Minn., June 30, 1997). See Exhibit 1, attached. One of the counts was dismissed by the United States Attorney's Office at trial.

3. Respondent's conduct violated Rules 8.4(b), (c), 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 on Lawyers Professional Responsibility, and for such other, further or different relief as may be just and proper.

Dated: July 25, 1997.



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