

FILE NO. _____

STATE OF MINNESOTA

IN SUPREME COURT

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

**STIPULATION FOR TEMPORARY
SUSPENSION**

THIS STIPULATION is entered into by and between Martin A. Cole, Acting Director of the Office of Lawyers Professional Responsibility, hereinafter Director, and William C. Pugh, attorney, hereinafter respondent.

WHEREAS, on June 30, 1997, respondent was found guilty after trial in U.S. District Court of 33 felony counts including mail fraud, wire fraud, interstate fraud, money laundering, concealment of material facts and causing the unlawful act of another,

WHEREAS, respondent has agreed to enter into this stipulation,

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED by and between the undersigned as follows:

1. Respondent understands that pursuant to Rule 10(c), Rules on Lawyers Professional Responsibility (RLPR), the Director may file a petition for disciplinary action against respondent based upon his criminal conviction. Respondent waives the Board Chair approval requirement under Rule 10(c), RLPR, and hereby admits service of the petition for disciplinary action and petition for temporary suspension from the practice of law and consents to the filing of both petitions with the Supreme Court.

2. It is understood that, pursuant to Rule 16, RLPR, respondent has the right to oral argument before the Supreme Court on the question of temporary suspension from the practice of law. Respondent waives the right to contest the temporary suspension, and agrees that the Supreme Court may, immediately upon filing of this stipulation, enter its order suspending respondent from the practice of law pending final determination of these disciplinary proceedings.

3. Except as otherwise provided herein, respondent expressly preserves each and every other right under the RLPR to contest the allegations of the petition. Nothing herein shall be construed as an admission by respondent of any allegation contained in the petition for disciplinary action. The parties jointly recommend to the Court that respondent not be required to file an answer to the petition for disciplinary action at this time, and that the time to answer the petition be indefinitely extended until the appellate review of respondent's criminal conviction has been completed.

4. Respondent understands that upon filing of this stipulation and the petition, this matter will be of public record.

5. Respondent understands that the Director reserves the right to recommend the imposition of any sanction, either to a referee appointed by the Court or to the Court itself, or both, in these disciplinary proceedings. Respondent also understands that pursuant to Rule 10(e), RLPR, the Director at any time may amend the petition to include additional charges based upon conduct committed before or after the petition is filed.

6. Upon an order of temporary suspension by the Court, respondent shall fully comply with Rules 26 and 27, RLPR.

7. Respondent has been advised of the right to be represented herein by an attorney but has freely chosen to appear *pro se*. This stipulation is entered into by

respondent freely and voluntarily, without any coercion or duress, and with no commitment on the part of any court, board, committee or other persons concerning the right to practice law in Minnesota. Respondent understands this stipulation is a recommendation to the Court, but that the Court is free to accept, reject or modify the stipulation or to enter its own order without regard to the stipulation.

8. Respondent hereby acknowledges receipt of copies of this stipulation and the proposed order for temporary suspension.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties executed this stipulation on the dates indicated below.

Dated: July 25, 1997

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