

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.

**PETITION FOR TEMPORARY
SUSPENSION FROM THE
PRACTICE OF LAW**

TO THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

The Acting Director of the Office of Lawyers Professional Responsibility, hereinafter Director, files this petition pursuant to Rule 16(a), Rules on Lawyers Professional Responsibility (RLPR), against the above-named attorney, hereinafter respondent. The following facts constitute grounds for respondent's temporary suspension from practice pending final determination of disciplinary proceedings:

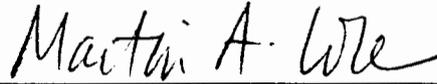
1. Respondent has been criminally convicted in federal district court of thirty-three (33) felony counts, including mail fraud, wire fraud, interstate transportation of money obtained by fraud, money laundering, concealment of material facts and causing the unlawful act of another. *See* the Director's petition for disciplinary action filed herewith.

2. The continuation of respondent's authority to practice law poses a substantial threat of serious harm to the public, within the meaning of Rule 16(a), RLPR.

WHEREFORE, the Director respectfully prays for an order of this Court temporarily suspending respondent from the practice of law pending final

determination of disciplinary proceedings herein, and for such further or different relief as may be just and proper.

Dated: July 15, 1997.



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