BEFORE THE HEARING BOARD
OF THE
ILLINOIS ATTORNEY REGISTRATION
AND
DISCIPLINARY COMMISSION

In the Matter of:	)	
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WENDELL W. WRIGHT,	)	
	)	Commission No. 92 SH 86
Attorney-Respondent,	)	
	)	
No. 3077705.	)	

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION OF THE REVIEW BOARD

The Administrator filed a three count complaint on February 13, 1992. The third count charged that Respondent, Wendell W. Wright, had engaged in illegal conduct by virtue of his criminal conviction for illegal conduct in violation of the Illinois conflict of interest, conspiracy and official misconduct statutes.

The Hearing Board on January 3, 1993, found that the Administrator had proven the facts alleged in count three of the Administrator's complaint, and that criminal conduct was prejudicial to the administration of justice and tends to defeat the administration of justice and bring the courts and legal profession into disrepute. However, the Hearing Board recommended that no discipline be imposed.

The facts of this matter are fully presented in the Hearing Board Report. These facts include that in connection with a United States District Court class action lawsuit, Respondent in his capacity as Corporation Counsel, furnished legal advice to the City of Danville and its Commissioners. The Vermilion County State's Attorney prosecuted Respondent and the Commissioners for violation of Illinois criminal statutes for actions taken during the settlement

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of the aforementioned class action suit. Ultimately, Respondent's conviction was affirmed by the Illinois Supreme Court.

After thoroughly reviewing the record of this case, we concur with the Hearing Board's Findings of Facts and Conclusion of Law. However, we disagree with the Hearing Board's recommendation that no discipline be imposed. We believe that the public can be protected and the integrity of the legal profession safeguarded best by the reprimand of Respondent, and we so recommend.

Respectfully submitted,

James L. Coghlan, Chairperson
Neil K. Quinn
Martin J. Katz

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PROOF OF SERVICE OF THE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION OF THE REVIEW BOARD

I, Kenneth G. Jablonski, on oath state that I served a copy of the Report and Recommendation of the Review Board on the parties listed at the addresses shown below with proper postage prepaid by regular mail by depositing it in the U.S. Mailbox located at 130 East Randolph Drive, Chicago, Illinois on November 12, 1993, at or before 5:00 p.m. At the same time, copies were mailed to members of the Hearing Board, Review Board and Counsel for the Administrator.

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Kenneth G. Jablonski
Kenneth G. Jablonski,
Clerk

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 12th day of November, 1993.

Notary Public

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NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF ILLINOIS
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES 7/17/95

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