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**EX-POUGHKEEPSIE TOWN ATTORNEY INDICTED FOR FORGERY, TAX  
EVASION AND BANK FRAUD; 3 OTHER LAWYERS, AN ACCOUNTANT  
AND BANKER PLEAD GUILTY TO AN ARRAY OF U.S. CHARGES**

MICHAEL J. GARCIA, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, announced today the Indictment of the former Poughkeepsie Town Attorney and the guilty pleas of three other former Poughkeepsie lawyers, a banker and their accountant on an array of federal charges including forgery, bribery, conspiracy, tax evasion and bank fraud. The four lawyers were partners in the former law firm of Hankin, Hanig, Stall, Redl, Caplicki and Curtin ("the Hankin firm"), the main office of which was on Main Street in Poughkeepsie, Dutchess County, New York.

FRANK G. REDL, 50, of Millbrook, New York, was charged in a 40-count Indictment -- returned on January 17, 2006, and unsealed today -- with forgery, tax evasion and bank fraud. According to the Indictment, REDL wrote a series of at least 27 checks totaling more than \$150,000 from the Hankin firm's attorney trust account to clients of the firm and other third parties, and then forged their signatures and deposited the checks into his own personal accounts. The scheme allegedly began in December 2000 and continued until November, 2003, after REDL was suspended from the bar as a result of his alleged false testimony in connection with the U.S. Attorney's corruption case against William Paroli, the former Chairman of the Poughkeepsie and Dutchess County Republican Committees. According to court papers, REDL was suspended from the practice of law by the New York State Appellate Division, Second Department, after he falsely recounted the events of a secretly monitored meeting between a cooperating witness, Paroli and Basil Raucci, the former Town of Poughkeepsie Tax Assessor, which resulted in the payment of a bribe to Raucci for the benefit of Paroli.

The Indictment also charges that REDL failed to report more than \$987,000 in gross income he received from the Hankin firm, from his work as the Town Attorney for Poughkeepsie, and

from the diversions from the firm's trust account. According to the Indictment, REDL filed false personal federal income tax returns for the years 1999, 2001, 2002, and 2003 and failed to file a return for the year 2000.

The Indictment also charges REDL with making false statements on a series of loan applications to the Riverside Bank in Poughkeepsie. According to the Indictment, REDL submitted phony tax returns to the bank for the years 1997 and 2000 through 2001, falsely reflecting that he reported many times the income he had actually reported to the IRS.

REDL faces the following penalties, if convicted, as a result of the charges:

<b>U.S. Code Title/Section</b>	<b>No. of Counts</b>	<b>Offense Description</b>	<b>Maximum Penalties</b>
18 U.S.C. § 1014	4	False statements to financial institutions	30 years' imprisonment; fine in amount of greatest of \$1 million, twice gross gain, or twice gross loss to victims; 5 years' supervised release; \$100 special assessment; restitution.
18 U.S.C. § 513	27	Forgery	10 years' imprisonment; fine in amount of greatest of \$250,00, twice gross gain, or twice gross loss to victims; 3 years' supervised release; \$100 special assessment; restitution
26 U.S.C. §7201	5	Tax Evasion	5 years' imprisonment; fine in amount of greatest of \$250,00, twice gross gain, or twice gross loss to Gov't; 3 years' supervised release; \$100 special assessment; costs of prosecution
26 U.S.C. §7206	4	Subscribing to false tax returns	3 years' imprisonment; fine in amount of greatest of \$250,00, twice gross gain, or twice gross loss to Gov't; 1 year supervised release; \$100 special assessment; and costs of prosecution.

REDL was arrested early this morning by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation ("FBI") and the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") and is scheduled to appear before United

States Magistrate Judge LISA MARGARET SMITH later today for arraignment on the charges.

Mr. GARCIA also announced the guilty plea today of JERARD S. HANKIN, another former member of the Hankin firm, on charges that he conspired to bribe employees of Fleet Mortgage and CTX Mortgage Company who were responsible for arranging mortgage loans. According to the Information to which HANKIN pleaded guilty, he made illegal payments to the employees over an 8-year period while the employees sent real estate closing work to HANKIN's law firm and title work to a title company owned by HANKIN. The illegal payments were funneled to the employees through a series of shell corporations, the Information charges. HANKIN pleaded guilty to a charge of conspiracy to commit mail fraud, arising from his effort to deprive the mortgage companies of the honest services of their employees, as a result of this scheme.

HANKIN, 61, of Quechee, Vermont, also pleaded guilty to tax evasion for the years 1998 through 2003. The Information charges that he evaded his tax liability by causing a title company he owned to pay his personal expenses and then deduct those expenses as business expenses. According to the Information, he also failed to file tax returns for a company known as Doc Prep Plus, which was used primarily to funnel illegal payments to the Fleet and CTX employees.

On Wednesday, January 18, 2006, JANET SKINNER, 52, of LaGrangeville, New York, also pleaded guilty before Judge SMITH to an Information charging her with participating in a conspiracy to commit mail fraud. Between 1996 and 2004, SKINNER was an Executive Vice President in charge of mortgage lending at Fleet and then CTX Mortgage. During her plea allocution, SKINNER admitted that, between September 1996 and 2004, she conspired with HANKIN to deprive her employers of her honest services when she accepted hundreds of thousands of dollars in illegal payments from HANKIN while she was steering the lenders' title work to HANKIN's title company and legal work to the law firm. SKINNER admitted that she accepted in excess of \$390,000 in payments during the scheme.

HANKIN'S sentencing was scheduled for April 20, 2006, at 4:30 p.m. before United States District Court Judge COLLEEN MCMAHON in White Plains. SKINNER'S sentencing was scheduled for April 18, 2006, also before Judge MCMAHON. Both HANKIN and SKINNER face a maximum sentence of 30 years' imprisonment and a

fine of the greater of \$1 million or twice the gross gain or loss on the mail fraud charge, and HANKIN also faces a maximum sentence of 5 years' imprisonment and a fine of the greater of \$250,000, twice the gross gain to HANKIN, or twice the gross loss to the Government, on the tax evasion charge.

Mr. GARCIA announced that the following individuals were also convicted as a result of the investigation:

- TODD STALL and DANIEL CURTIN, two former lawyers with the Hankin Firm, both pleaded guilty before United States Magistrate Judge GEORGE A. YANTHIS to criminal Informations charging that they unlawfully received portions of real estate settlement fees from a series of companies owned by HANKIN without rendering any services for those payments, in violation of the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act ("RESPA"), set out at Title 12, United States Code, Section 2607. Both men face a maximum of 1 year in prison and a \$100,000 fine when they are sentenced. STALL, of Poughkeepsie, is scheduled to be sentenced on January 23, 2006, before Judge YANTHIS. CURTIN, who resides in Longboat Key, Florida, is scheduled to be sentenced on February 22, 2006, also by Judge YANTHIS.
- HAROLD J. GLASSBERG, the Firm's accountant, pleaded guilty to conspiracy and tax evasion charges arising out of his preparation of false personal returns for himself, JERARD HANKIN and TODD STALL. He was sentenced on January 3, 2006, to 13 months in federal prison, a fine of \$25,000 and restitution in the amount of \$33,034 by United States District Judge STEPHEN C. ROBINSON. GLASSBERG, 47, of Poughkeepsie, was ordered to surrender to the U.S. Bureau of Prisons on June 5, 2006, to begin serving his sentence.

Mr. GARCIA praised the extensive investigative efforts of the FBI and the IRS. He also thanked the Department of Housing and Urban Development, Office of Inspector General, and the New York State Police for their assistance.

Assistant United States Attorney PERRY CARBONE is in charge of the investigation and prosecution.

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