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ACTION SOUGHT IN O'HARA CASE

Supreme Court Asked to Rehear State Suit

The state attorney general's office Friday asked the Louisiana Supreme Court to rehear its suit to remove Judge Malcolm V. O'Hara from office.

The court on June 4 found the Criminal District Court judge guilty of misconduct, but not guilty of "flagrant and extreme misconduct which would warrant his removal."

The vote was six to one.

Attorney General Jack P. F. Gremillion earlier said he would ask for the rehearing.

The state based its case on the contention O'Hara was guilty of gross misconduct in his private affairs in that he attempted to obtain evidence to overturn federal court convictions of Zachary A. Strate, former New Orleans contractor, and Teamster Union president James Hoffa.

Gremillion said in view of Associate Justice E. Howard McCaleb's strong dissent from the majority view, a petition by more than 25 taxpayers, strong findings of acts of misconduct and the totality of actions on the part of the judge, the public interest must be served by asking the court to review its decision.

He said there was no doubt Justice McCaleb was correct, and that an opportunity for the other justices to reassess their positions must be provided.