STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

WAKE COUNTY

BEFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BAR 15 DHC 36 & 16 BCS 1

IN THE MATTER OF THE TENDER OF OF SURRENDER OF LICENSE OF

KARLA W. SIMON

ORDER OF DISBARMENT

THIS MATTER coming on to be heard and being heard by the Council of the North Carolina State Bar pursuant to 27 N.C. Admin. Code, Chapter 1, Subchapter B, § .0117(a) of the State Bar Discipline & Disability Rules upon tender of an affidavit of surrender of license executed by Karla W. Simon ("Simon") on March 30, 2016 and filed in the offices of the North Carolina State Bar on April 4, 2016.

Based on the affidavit, the Council finds that, on November 3, 2014, Karla W. Simon pled guilty to and was convicted on the felony charge of Stalking in Cambridge District Court, Cambridge, Massachusetts. On December 18, 2014, based upon Karla W. Simon's admission to sufficient facts, Simon was found guilty on 29 counts of misdemeanor Violation of Harassment Prevention Order and nine counts felony Intimidate Witness/Juror/Police/Court Official in Cambridge District Court, Cambridge Massachusetts. This conduct constitutes grounds for discipline in that Simon was convicted of a criminal offense showing professional unfitness as defined by Rule .0103(17) of the State Bar Discipline and Disability Rules and N.C. Gen. Stat. § 84-28 (b). An Order of Interim Suspension was entered by the Chair of the Disciplinary Hearing Commission on January 8, 2016 based on these convictions.

WHEREFORE, upon motion made and duly seconded, the Council enters the following Order:

- 1. The tender of surrender of the license of Karla W. Simon is hereby accepted.
- 2. Karla W. Simon is hereby DISBARRED from the practice of law in North Carolina. The disbarment shall be effective as of January 8, 2016, when the Disciplinary Hearing Commission entered the Interim Suspension Order.
- 3. Karla W. Simon shall comply with the provisions of 27 NCAC 1B § .0124 of the State Bar Discipline and Disability Rules and shall surrender her license and permanent membership card to the Secretary of the North Carolina State Bar.
 - 4. The costs of this action are taxed against Karla W. Simon.

Done and ordered this the 22nd day of April, 2016

Margaret M. Hunt, President

The North Carolina State Bar

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TO THE COUNCIL OF THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BAR:

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Karla W. Simon, being first duly sworn, deposes and says as follows:

- 1. I desire to surrender and hereby tender my license to practice law in North Carolina.
- 2. My surrender is freely and voluntarily rendered, and is not the result of coercion or duress. I am fully aware of the implications of submitting my resignation.
- 3. I am aware that there is a pending investigation by the State Bar regarding allegations that on November 3, 2014, I pled guilty to the felony charge of Stalking in Cambridge District Court, Cambridge, Massachusetts. On December 18, 2014, based upon my admission to sufficient facts, I was found guilty on 29 counts of misdemeanor Violation of Harassment Prevention Order and nine counts felony Intimidate Witness/Juror/Police/Court Official in Cambridge District Court, Cambridge Massachusetts.
- 4. I acknowledge that the material facts upon which the investigation is predicated are true.
- 5. I am submitting my resignation because I know that if disciplinary charges were predicated upon the misconduct under investigation, I could not successfully defend against them.

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		Karla W. Simon
, Denise Rose	, Notary Public of	
the County of Litchfield	State of Connections	•

personally appeared before me this day, was sworn, attested that the foregoing Affidavit is true and accurate of her own personal knowledge, and executed the foregoing Affidavit.

, certify that Karla W. Simon

This the 30thday of March, 2016

Denise Rose, Notary Public

My commission expires: 4/30/2017