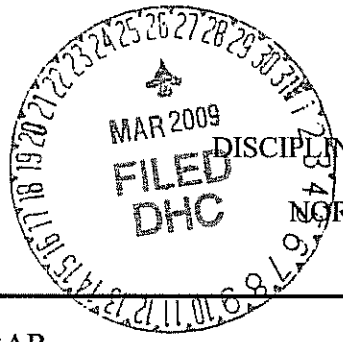
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA



BEFORE THE
DISCIPLINARY HEARING COMMISSION
OF THE
NORTH CAROLINA STATE BAR
05 DHC 4 & 09RD1

WAKE COUNTY

THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BAR,

Plaintiff/Respondent

v.

DAVID S. HARLESS, Attorney,

Defendant/Petitioner

PETITION FOR REINSTATEMENT

PETITION

Now comes the Petitioner, David S. Harless and states as follows:

1. On about August 26, 2005 the State of North Carolina entered on order suspending Petitioner's N.C. law license. Said order is unconstitutional, null and void, illegal and misleading.

2. Petitioner is not impaired or disabled and he is competent to practice law.

3. The State of North Carolina has no justification for refusing to allow Petitioner to work as an attorney in the State of North Carolina.

4. Petitioner is indigent and has three (3) children to support.

5. Petitioner has received appropriate medical treatment for his bipolar disorder for over two (2) years. Petitioner takes medication for his condition and has been stable since June 2006.

6. The State of North Carolina is a right-to-work state and it is a crime in NC to interfere with a person's right to work.

7. Petitioner receives Social Security benefits for his condition. The U.S. government encourages all "disabled" people to work if possible. Therefore, the State of North Carolina should make all attempts possible to help Petitioner return to work so as to comply with federal law.

WHEREFORE, based on the foregoing Petitioner requests that his North Carolina license be reinstated or, in the alternative, that a hearing be set to resolve this matter.

David S. Harless