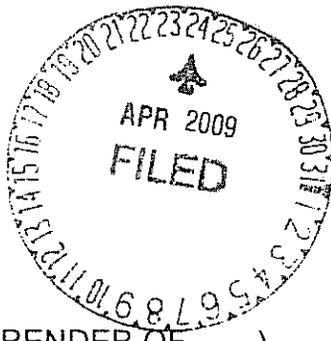


NOTE: THIS LINK RELATES ONLY TO DAVID
CURTIS SMITH OF DURHAM. THIS LINK
DOES NOT RELATE TO WINSTON-SALEM LAWYER
DAVID C. SMITH, WHO HAS HAD NO PROFESSIONAL
ASSOCIATION WITH DAVID CURTIS SMITH.

WAKE COUNTY
NORTH CAROLINA



BEFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE
NORTH CAROLINA STATE BAR
09 BCS 4

IN RE TENDER OF SURRENDER OF)
LICENSE OF)
DAVID CURTIS SMITH)

ORDER OF DISBARMENT

THIS MATTER was heard by the Council of the North Carolina State Bar pursuant to 27 N.C.A.C. 1B §.0117 (a) of the State Bar Discipline and Disability Rules upon the affidavit of tender of surrender of license executed by David Curtis Smith on April 20, 2009, and filed in the offices of the State Bar on April 21, 2009.

Based on the affidavit, the Council finds that David Curtis Smith misappropriated at least \$227,082.45 from his attorney trust account that had been entrusted to him in a fiduciary capacity, at least \$200,000.00 of which he utilized for his own benefit without authorization from the beneficial owners of the funds. This conduct constitutes grounds for discipline, under N.C. Gen. Stat. § 84-28 (b)(2), in that Smith violated Rule 1.15-2(j) and Rule 8.4 of the Revised Rules of Professional Conduct.

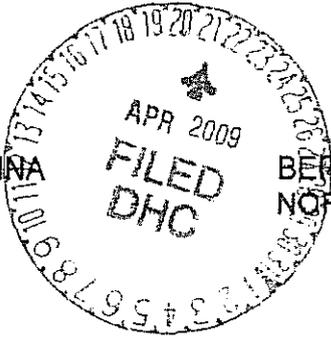
WHEREFORE, upon motion made and duly seconded, the Council enters the following Order:

1. The tender of surrender of the license of David Curtis Smith is hereby accepted.
2. David Curtis Smith hereby is DISBARRED from the practice of law in North Carolina.
3. David Curtis Smith shall comply with the provisions of 27 NCAC 1B § .0124 of the State Bar Discipline and Disability Rules and shall surrender his license and permanent membership card to the Secretary of the North Carolina State Bar along with the affidavit required by 27 NCAC 1B § .0124 of the State Bar Discipline and Disability Rules.
4. The costs of this action are taxed against David Curtis Smith.

Done and ordered this the 24th day of April, 2009.



John B. McMillan, President
The North Carolina State Bar



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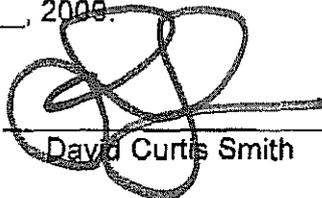
THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BAR,)
PETITIONER)
v.)
DAVID CURTIS SMITH, ATTORNEY,)
RESPONDENT)

AFFIDAVIT OF SURRENDER

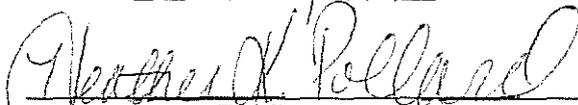
DAVID CURTIS SMITH, being first duly sworn, deposes and says as follows:

1. I desire to resign and hereby tender my license to practice law in North Carolina pursuant to State Bar Discipline & Disability Rule 27 NCAC 1B §.0117.
2. My resignation 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 I misappropriated at least \$227,082.45 from my attorney trust account that had been entrusted to me in a fiduciary capacity, at least \$200,000.00 of which I utilized for my own benefit without authorization from the beneficial owners of the funds.
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.

This is the 20 day of APRIL, 2009.


David Curtis Smith

Sworn to and subscribed before me
this the 20 day of April, 2009.


Notary Public

My commission expires: 10/11/2013

