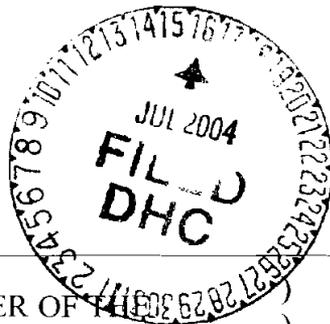


NORTH CAROLINA

WAKE COUNTY



BEFORE THE COUNCIL  
OF THE  
NORTH CAROLINA STATE BAR  
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IN THE MATTER OF THE  
TENDER OF LICENSE OF:

TODD A. CLINE, ATTORNEY

ORDER OF DISBARMENT

THIS MATTER coming on to be heard and being heard by the Council of the North Carolina State Bar pursuant to Section .0017 of Subchapter B of the Rules and Regulations of the North Carolina State Bar upon an affidavit of tender of license executed by Todd A. Cline and filed in the offices of the North Carolina State Bar on 21 June 2004.

Based upon the affidavit of tender of license, the Council finds that Todd A. Cline misappropriated funds entrusted to him as the Executor of the Estate of Edward F. Swann, Jr. for his own personal use and falsified estate accountings under oath to the Clerk of Court. Further, the Council finds that the amount misappropriated by Todd A. Cline was \$80,000 and that Todd A. Cline has made full restitution to the Estate of Edward F. Swann, Jr. The Council also finds that Todd A. Cline has waived his right to be heard before the Council. The Council concludes that the conduct of Todd A. Cline constitutes grounds for discipline under N.C. Gen. Stat. §84-28(b)(2) in that Todd A. Cline violated Rules 1.15-2(a), (j), and (m); 3.3(a)(1) and (3); and 8.4(a), (b), and (c) of the Revised Rules of Professional Conduct and that the Council may enter an order of discipline accordingly.

WHEREFORE, upon motion duly made and seconded, the Council of the North Carolina State Bar enters the following order:

1. The tender of surrender of license of Todd A. Cline is hereby accepted.
2. Todd A. Cline is hereby DISBARRED from the practice of law in North Carolina.
3. Todd A. Cline will comply with the provisions of Subchapter B, Section .0024 of the Rules and Regulations of the North Carolina State Bar and will surrender his license and permanent registration card to the Secretary of the North Carolina State Bar along with the affidavit required by Subchapter B, Section .0024 within 30 days of service of this order upon him.
4. The costs of this action as assessed by the Secretary of the North Carolina State Bar are taxed against Todd A. Cline and will be paid within 30 days of assessment.

Done and Ordered, this the 16th day of July, 2004.

  
 Dudley Humphrey, President  
 The North Carolina State Bar



Sworn to and subscribed before me

This the 11th, of June, 2004

Christi L. Kirk

Notary Public

My Commission expires: 2/27/2007

