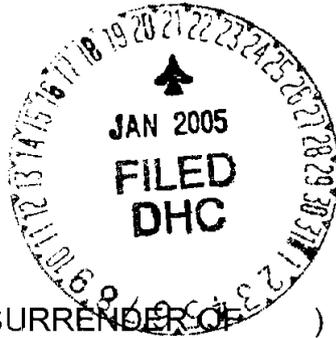


WAKE COUNTY  
NORTH CAROLINA



BEFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE  
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IN RE TENDER OF SURRENDER OF )  
LICENSE OF )  
DIANE EDWARDS RIGSBEE )

ORDER OF DISBARMENT

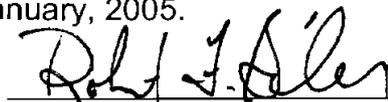
THIS MATTER was heard by the Council of the North Carolina State Bar pursuant to 27 N.C.A.C. 1B §.0117 (a) of the State Bar Discipline and Disability Rules upon the affidavit of tender of surrender of license executed by Diane Edwards Rigsbee on January 14, 2005, and filed in the offices of the State Bar on January 19, 2005.

Based on the affidavit, the Council finds that Diane Edwards Rigsbee misappropriated more than \$22,000.00 she held in a fiduciary capacity in her attorney trust accounts for various clients. The Council also finds that Rigsbee misappropriated money from her law partners. This conduct constitutes grounds for discipline, under N.C. Gen. Stat. § 84-28 (b)(2), in that Rigsbee violated Rules 1.15 through 1.15-3 and Rules 8.4 (a), (b), (c), (d) and (g) 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 Diane Edwards Rigsbee is hereby accepted.
2. Diane Edwards Rigsbee hereby is DISBARRED from the practice of law in North Carolina.
3. Diane Edwards Rigsbee 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 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 Diane Edwards Rigsbee.

Done and ordered this the 21<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2005.

  
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Robert F. Siler, President  
The North Carolina State Bar

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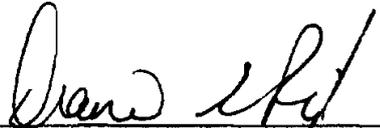
TO: The Council of the North Carolina State Bar

**AFFIDAVIT OF SURRENDER**

DIANE EDWARDS RIGSBEE, being first duly sworn, deposes and says as follows:

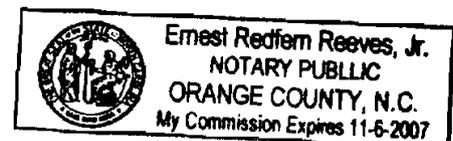
1. I desire to resign and hereby tender my license to practice law in North Carolina pursuant to State Bar Discipline & Disability Rule 27 NCAC 1B §.0117.
2. My resignation is freely and voluntarily rendered, and is not the result of coercion or duress. I am fully aware of the implications of submitting my resignation.
3. I am aware that there is a pending investigation by the State Bar regarding allegations that over several years I misappropriated more than \$22,000.00 to my own use, including money in my attorney trust accounts that had been entrusted to me in a fiduciary capacity for various clients. The State Bar also is investigating allegations that I misappropriated money from my law partners.
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 14<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2005.

  
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DIANE EDWARDS RIGSBEE

Sworn to and subscribed before me  
this the 14<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2005.

  
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Notary Public



My commission expires: 11-6-2007