

NORTH CAROLINA
WAKE COUNTY



BEFORE THE
GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE
OF THE
NORTH CAROLINA STATE BAR
07G0576 & 07G1368

IN RE:)
) CONSENT ORDER
) TRANSFERRING MEMBER
PAUL M. SYLVIA) TO DISABILITY
) INACTIVE STATUS

This matter is before the undersigned Chairperson of the North Carolina State Bar's Grievance Committee pursuant to 27 NCAC 1B, §.0118(g); with A. Root Edmonson representing the North Carolina State Bar and Paul M. Sylvia representing himself. Based upon the information provided by Paul M. Sylvia, and with the consent of Paul M. Sylvia and deputy counsel, the undersigned makes the following:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The North Carolina State Bar is a body duly organized under the laws of North Carolina and is the proper party to consent to this order under the authority granted it in Chapter 84 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, and the Rules and Regulations of the North Carolina State Bar promulgated thereunder.
2. Paul M. Sylvia ("Sylvia") was admitted to the North Carolina State Bar on August 21, 2001 and is an Attorney at Law licensed to practice law in North Carolina, subject to the rules, regulations, and the Rules of Professional Conduct of the North Carolina State Bar and the laws of North Carolina.
3. Sylvia previously engaged in the practice of law in the State of North Carolina, and maintained a law office in the city of Wilmington, New Hanover County, North Carolina.
4. Sylvia presently suffers from depression that significantly impairs his professional judgment, performance or competence as an attorney.
5. Dr. Charles Bichajian has diagnosed Sylvia as suffering from Depression that adversely affects his ability to practice law.
6. Sylvia consents to being transferred to disability inactive status.

BASED UPON the foregoing Findings of Fact, the undersigned makes the following:

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Pursuant to 27 NCAC 1B, §.0118(g), the proper parties have consented to Sylvia being transferred to disability inactive status.

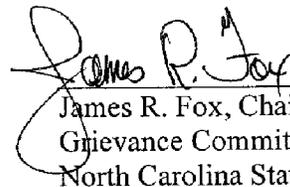
2. Sylvia is disabled within the meaning of 27 NCAC §.0103(18).

THEREFORE, it is hereby ORDERED:

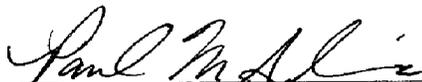
1. Paul M. Sylvia is transferred to disability inactive status.

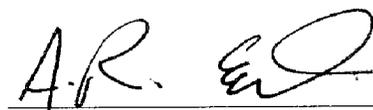
2. Sylvia shall refrain from practicing law in North Carolina until he is no longer disabled and has been returned to active status as a member of the North Carolina State Bar pursuant to the procedures set out in 27 NCAC 1B, §.0125(c).

This is the ~~25th~~ day of January 2008.

 April 9, 2008
James R. Fox, Chair
Grievance Committee
North Carolina State Bar

CONSENTED TO:


Paul M. Sylvia, Member
North Carolina State Bar


A. Root Edmonson, Deputy Counsel
North Carolina State Bar

