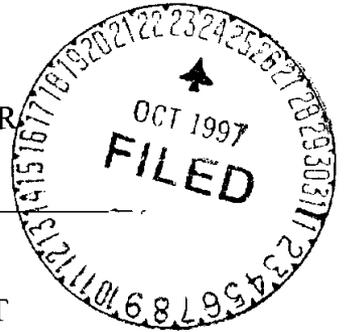


NORTH CAROLINA
WAKE COUNTY

BEFORE THE COUNCIL
OF THE
NORTH CAROLINA STATE BAR
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IN THE MATTER OF THE TENDER)
OF SURRENDER OF LICENSE OF) ORDER OF DISBARMENT
JOSEPH G. WILLIAMS III)

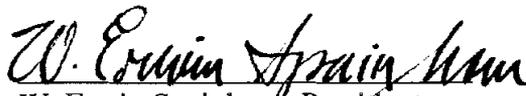
THIS MATTER coming on to be heard and being heard by the Council of the North Carolina State Bar pursuant to 27 N.C. Admin. Code Chapter 1, Subchapter B, Rule. 0117 of the Discipline and Disability Rules of the North Carolina State Bar, upon an affidavit of tender of license pursuant to Rule .0117(a) executed by Joseph G. Williams III and filed in the offices of the North Carolina State Bar on October 21, 1997.

Based upon the affidavit, the Council finds that the conduct of Joseph G. Williams III is grounds for discipline pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. Section 84-28(b)(2) in that Joseph G. Williams III misappropriated client funds in violation of Rule 1.2(c), Rule 10.1(a) and (c) and Rule 10.2 (e) and commingled his personal funds with client funds in violation of Rule 10.1(a) and (c) of the North Carolina State Bar Rules of Professional Conduct.

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

1. The tender of surrender of license of Joseph G. Williams III is accepted.
2. Joseph G. Williams III is hereby DISBARRED from the practice of law in North Carolina.
3. Joseph G. Williams III shall forthwith surrender his license and membership card to the Secretary. He shall comply with all provisions of 27 N.C. Admin. Code, Chapter 1, Rule .0124 of the Discipline and Disability Rules of the North Carolina State Bar.
4. The costs of this action are hereby taxed against the petitioner, Joseph G. Williams III.

Done and ordered this the 24th day of October, 1997.


W. Erwin Spainhour, President
The North Carolina State Bar

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BEFORE THE COUNCIL
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AFFIDAVIT TENDERING THE SURRENDER OF THE LICENSE OF
JOSEPH G. WILLIAMS III

I, Joseph G. Williams III, being duly sworn, say:

1. I desire to resign and hereby tender my license to practice law in North Carolina pursuant to the provisions of Rule .0117 of Subchapter B of the Discipline and Disability rules of the North Carolina State Bar.

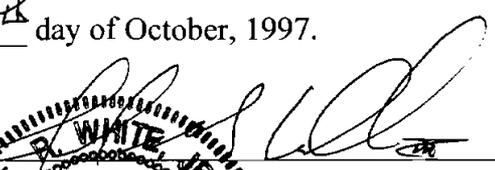
2. My resignation is freely and voluntarily rendered. It is not the result of coercion or duress. I am fully aware of the implication of submitting my resignation.

3. I am aware that there is presently pending before the North Carolina State Bar an investigation regarding allegations that I have misappropriated client funds and that I have commingled client funds with my personal funds in my trust account.

4. I acknowledge that the material facts upon which the investigation is predicated are true.

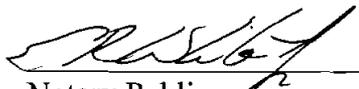
5. My resignation is being submitted because I know if charges were predicated upon the misconduct under investigation, I could not successfully defend against them.

Respectfully submitted this the 20th day of October, 1997.

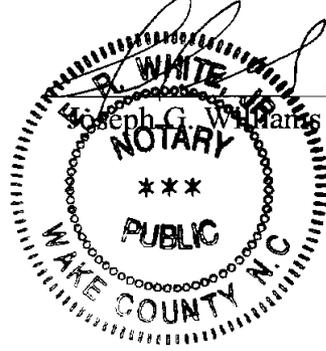


Joseph G. Williams III

Sworn to and subscribed before me,
this the 20th day of October, 1997.



Notary Public



My Commission Expires: 12-19-2001