

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:)
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DOUGLAS E. BRAFFORD)

ORDER OF DISBARMENT

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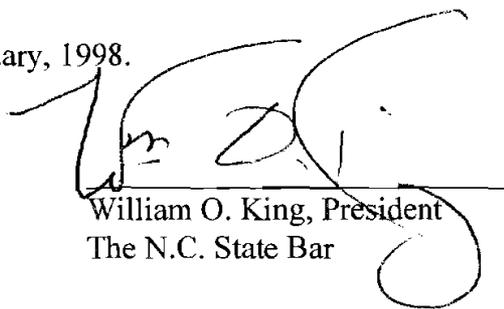
THIS MATTER coming on to be heard and being heard by the Council of the North Carolina State Bar pursuant to 27 N.C. Admin. Code Chapter 1, Subchapter B, §.0117(a) of the State Bar Discipline & Disability Rules upon an affidavit of tender of surrender of license executed by Douglas E. Brafford on January 9, 1998 and filed in the offices of the North Carolina State Bar on January 12, 1998.

Based upon the affidavit, the Council finds that Douglas E. Brafford's conviction in federal court for a felony count of conspiracy to operate an illegal gambling organization and a felony count of money laundering is grounds for discipline pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. §84-28(b)(1)&(2) in that Douglas E. Brafford was convicted of a crime showing professional unfitness and violated Rule 1.2(b) of the 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 Douglas E. Brafford is hereby accepted.
2. Douglas E. Brafford is hereby is DISBARRED from the practice of law in North Carolina.
3. Douglas E. Brafford shall comply with the provisions of 27 N.C.A.C. Chapter 1, Subchapter B, §.0124 of the State Bar Discipline & Disbarment 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 §.0124 of the State Bar Discipline & Disbarment Rules.
4. The costs of this action are taxed against Douglas E. Brafford.

Done and ordered this 16th day of January, 1998.



William O. King, President
The N.C. State Bar

NORTH CAROLINA

MECKLENBURG COUNTY

AFFIDAVIT

TO: The Council of The North Carolina State Bar

I, **Douglas E. Brafford**, hereby tender my license to practice and desire to resign from The North Carolina State Bar. My resignation is tendered freely and voluntarily, is not the result of coercion or duress, and I am fully aware of the implications of submitting the resignation.

I understand that the State Bar Council will consider this affidavit of surrender at its meeting on January 16, 1998 and waive further notice.

I am aware that there are presently pending investigations or other proceedings regarding allegations that I have been guilty of misconduct, to wit:

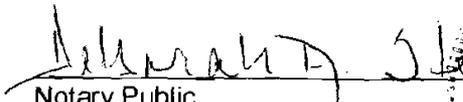
On November 5, 1997, I was convicted in the U.S. District Court for the Western District of North Carolina of a felony count of conspiracy to operate an illegal gambling organization in violation of 18 U.S.C. Section 371 and a felony count of money laundering in violation of 18 U.S.C. Section 1956(a)(1)(B)(i).

I acknowledge that the material facts upon which the complaint is predicated are true. I am submitting my resignation because I know that if charges were predicated upon the misconduct under investigation I could not successfully defend against them.

This 1st day of January, 1998.


Douglas E. Brafford

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 1st day of January, 1998.


Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

My Commission Expires July 23, 2002

