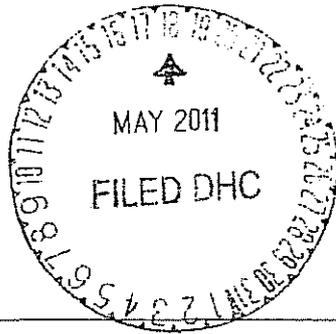


NORTH CAROLINA  
WAKE COUNTY



BEFORE THE SECRETARY  
OF THE  
NORTH CAROLINA STATE BAR  
09 DHC 23 & 11 BSR 1

IN THE MATTER OF	)	
THE REINSTATEMENT OF:	)	
	)	ORDER OF REINSTATEMENT
	)	
JOHN S. AUSTIN, Attorney	)	

THIS MATTER is before the Secretary of the North Carolina State Bar pursuant to a Petition for Reinstatement filed by John S. Austin (“Austin”) on April 18, 2011.

Based upon the petition and a review of the records of the North Carolina State Bar, the Secretary makes the following:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On October 18, 2010, a hearing panel of the Disciplinary Hearing Commission (“DHC”) entered a Consent Order of Discipline in 09 DHC 23 (“Order of Discipline”) suspending Austin from the practice of law for six months. The effective date of the Order of Discipline was November 17, 2010.

2. On April 18, 2011, Austin filed a petition for reinstatement showing that he had satisfied the conditions of the Order of Discipline.

3. Counsel for the North Carolina State Bar did not file an objection to Austin’s petition.

BASED UPON the foregoing Findings of Fact, the Secretary makes the following

CONCLUSION OF LAW

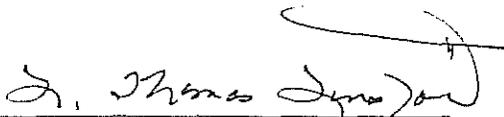
1. The Petitioner, John S. Austin, has satisfied the requirements set out in 27 NCAC 1B, § .0125(b) and is entitled to reinstatement of his license to practice law in this jurisdiction.

BASED UPON the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusion of Law, the Secretary enters the following:

ORDER OF REINSTATEMENT

John S. Austin is hereby reinstated to the active practice of law in North Carolina as of the date of this order.

This the 18<sup>TH</sup> day of May 2011.

  
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L. Thomas Lunsford II, Secretary  
North Carolina State Bar