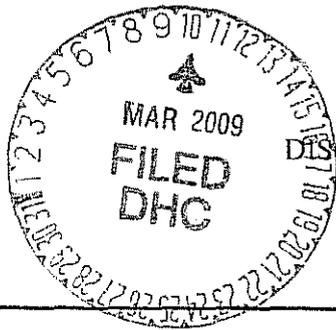


WAKE COUNTY
NORTH CAROLINA



BEFORE THE
DISCIPLINARY HEARING COMMISSION
OF THE
NORTH CAROLINA STATE BAR
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THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BAR,)
Plaintiff)
vs.)
WILLIAM EUGENE BUTNER, Attorney,)
Defendant)

ORDER OF
DISBARMENT

THIS MATTER coming before the undersigned Chair of the Disciplinary Hearing Commission pursuant to 27 N.C. Admin. Code Chapter 1, Subchapter B, § .0117(d) of the N.C. State Bar Discipline & Disability Rules upon the Defendant's affidavit of Consent to Disbarment executed on the 3rd day of March 2009 and filed in the commission on the 9th day of March 2009; and the undersigned finds from that Consent to Disbarment the following:

1. William Eugene Butner's Consent to Disbarment was freely and voluntarily rendered, was not the result of coercion or duress and the Defendant was fully aware of the implications of submitting his Consent to Disbarment.

2. The Defendant is aware that a hearing is currently scheduled for March 20, 2009 respecting the allegations contained in the State Bar's Amended Complaint in this matter and that by submitting his Consent to Disbarment he gave up the right to defend himself against those allegations at a hearing.

3. The Defendant has admitted that on November 7, 2000, he was convicted by a federal jury of one count of conspiracy to commit an offense against the U.S. in violation of 18 U.S.C. 371 and one count of concealment of assets in a Bankruptcy Case under Title 11 of the U.S. Code and aiding and abetting same in violation of 18 U.S.C. 152 (1) and (2), both serious crimes that constitute grounds for discipline.

4. The Defendant's Consent to Disbarment was submitted because he does not have a viable defense to the North Carolina State Bar's claim that on November 7, 2000, he was convicted by a federal jury of one count of conspiracy to commit an offense against the U.S. in violation of 18 U.S.C. 371 and one count of concealment of assets in a Bankruptcy Case under Title 11 of the U.S. Code and aiding and abetting same in violation of 18 U.S.C. 152 (1) and (2), both serious crimes that constitute grounds for discipline.

5. The Defendant is indigent.

6. The undersigned finds it appropriate that this Order of Disbarment should be effective as of May 5, 2003, the effective date of the interim suspension previously entered in this proceeding.

BASED UPON the foregoing findings, the undersigned concludes as follows:

(a) The affidavit of the Defendant contained in his Consent to Disbarment meets the requirements of 27 N.C. Admin. Code Chapter 1, Subchapter B, § .0117(d) of the N.C. State Bar Discipline & Disability Rules.

(b) The Consent to Disbarment filed by the Defendant herein should be accepted.

(c) On November 7, 2000, Butner was convicted by a federal jury of one count of conspiracy to commit an offense against the U.S. in violation of 18 U.S.C. 371 and one count of concealment of assets in a Bankruptcy Case under Title 11 of the U.S. Code and aiding and abetting same in violation of 18 U.S.C. 152(1) and (2), both serious crimes that constitute grounds for disbarment.

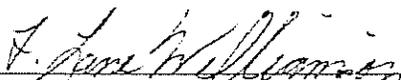
(d) The costs of these proceedings are remitted.

THEREFORE it is hereby ORDERED:

1. The Defendant, William Eugene Butner, is hereby DISBARRED from the practice of law in North Carolina, effective May 5, 2003.

2. The Defendant is indigent and the costs of these proceedings, as assessed by the Secretary, are remitted.

This the 10th day of March, 2009.



F. Lane Williamson, Chair
Disciplinary Hearing Commission