NORTH CAROLINA

WAKE COUNTY

BEFORE THE GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE
OF THE
NORTH CAROLINA STATE BAR
10G0583

THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BAR Petitioner	)	
v.	)	ORDER OF RECIPROCAL DISCIPLINE
BRUCE A. CHAPLIN, ATTORNEY Respondent	)	

Pursuant to the authority vested in me as Chair of the Grievance Committee of the North Carolina State Bar by 27 N.C.A.C. 1B §.0105(a)(12) and §.0116(a) of the North Carolina State Bar Discipline and Disability Rules and based upon the record in this matter, the undersigned finds as follows:

1. The Connecticut Statewide Grievance Committee reprimanded Respondent by order filed February 5, 2010, hereafter Connecticut Order of Discipline.

2. The North Carolina State Bar served Respondent by certified mail with a Notice of Reciprocal Discipline Proceeding on July 12, 2010.

3. Respondent failed to respond or show cause within 30 days of service of the Notice of Reciprocal Discipline Proceeding that imposition of the identical discipline in North Carolina would be unwarranted.

BASED UPON THE FOREGOING FINDINGS the Chair of the Grievance Committee makes the following CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:

1. The North Carolina State Bar has jurisdiction over the subject matter of this proceeding and over the person of the Respondent, Bruce A. Chaplin.

2. The North Carolina State Bar has complied with the procedure for imposition of reciprocal discipline pursuant to 27 N.C.A.C. 1B §.0116(a) of the North Carolina State Bar Discipline and Disability Rules.

3. The Connecticut Order of Discipline reprimanded Respondent for offering not to seek a portion of his client's wife's worker's compensation claim in the divorce action in return for her not appearing at his client's sentencing hearing on a charge in which she was the victim. The Connecticut Statewide Grievance Committee held that Respondent engaged in conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice in violation of Rule 8.4(4) of the Connecticut Rules of Professional Conduct, which is Rule 8.4(d) of the North Carolina Rules of Professional Conduct.

4. The reprimand imposed by the Connecticut Statewide Grievance Committee should be imposed on Respondent in the State of North Carolina.

THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. The respondent, Bruce A. Chaplin, is REPRIMANDED for his professional misconduct as designated in the Connecticut Order of Discipline issued by the Connecticut Statewide Grievance Committee dated February 5, 2010, attached hereto and made a part hereof.

2. In accordance with the policy adopted January 24, 2008 by the Council of the North Carolina State Bar regarding the taxing of the administrative and investigative costs to any attorney issued discipline by the Grievance Committee, the costs of this action in the amount of $100.00 are hereby taxed to Respondent.

This the 17 day of [illegible], 2010.

Ronald G. Baker, Chair
Grievance Committee
North Carolina State Bar