

WAKE COUNTY
NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE GENERAL COURTS OF JUSTICE
SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION
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WAKE COUNTY, C.S.C.

THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BAR,)
PETITIONER,)
)
v.)
)
CHRISTINE C. GATES, ATTORNEY,)
RESPONDENT.)

CONSENT ORDER
OF
DISBARMENT

THIS MATTER came on to be heard and was heard by the undersigned Judge of the Superior Court of Wake County. Petitioner, the North Carolina State Bar, was represented by Margaret T. Cloutier. Respondent, Christine C. Gates, was represented by Christopher G. Chagaris.

Based upon the Affidavit of Surrender of Law License submitted to the court by Christine C. Gates, the court makes the following:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Christine C. Gates operated a law office in Charlotte, North Carolina.
2. Gates combined and conspired with Mortgage Fraud Cell Nos. 1, 2, 4 and 5 as alleged in the Bill of Information filed in Case No. 3:09-cr-100-FDW pending in the United States District Court for the Western District of North Carolina.
3. Gates has entered a plea of guilty in 3:09-cr-100-FDW to the following criminal offenses: (a) engaging in a conspiracy with members of Mortgage Fraud Cell Nos. 1, 2, 4 and 5 to commit offenses against the United States, including making a false statement in relation to a loan, and engaging in mail fraud, wire fraud and bank fraud in violation of 18 U.S.C. 1014, 1341, 1343 and 1344; and (b) engaging in a conspiracy with members of Mortgage Fraud Cell Nos. 1, 2, 4 and 5 to launder monetary proceeds of fraudulent real estate transactions in violation of 18 U.S.C. 1956(h).
4. Gates is in fact guilty of these charges.

Based upon the foregoing Findings of Fact, the court makes the following:

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. By (a) engaging in a conspiracy with members of Mortgage Fraud Cell Nos. 1, 2, 4 and 5 to commit offenses against the United States, including making a false statement in relation to a

loan, and engaging in mail fraud, wire fraud and bank fraud in violation of 18 U.S.C. 1014, 1341, 1343 and 1344; and (b) engaging in a conspiracy with members of Mortgage Fraud Cell Nos. 1, 2, 4 and 5 to launder monetary proceeds of fraudulent real estate transactions in violation of 18 U.S.C. 1956(h), Gates violated Rules 8.4(b) and (c) of the North Carolina Revised Rules of Professional Conduct.

2. Gates' misconduct constitutes grounds for discipline pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. Section 84-28(b)(2).

IT IS NOW, THEREFORE, **ORDERED**:

1. Christine C. Gates is DISBARRED from the practice of law in North Carolina.

2. Christine C. Gates shall comply with the provisions of Subchapter B, Section .0124 of the Rules and Regulations of the North Carolina State Bar and shall surrender her license and permanent membership card to the Secretary of the North Carolina State Bar along with the affidavit required by Subchapter B, Section .0124.

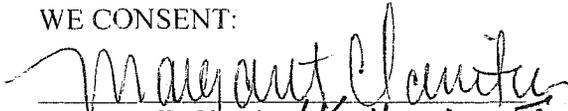
3. The costs of this action are taxed against Christine C. Gates.

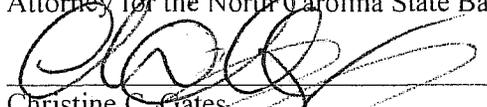
Done and Ordered this 3 day of AUG, 2009.



Superior Court Judge Presiding

WE CONSENT:


Margaret T. Cloutier / Katherine Jean
Attorney for the North Carolina State Bar


Christine C. Gates


Christopher G. Chagaris
Attorney for Respondent

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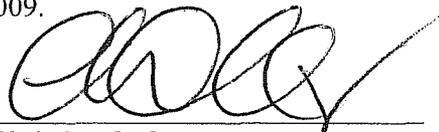
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AFFIDAVIT OF SURRENDER
OF LAW LICENSE

Christine C. Gates, being first duly sworn, deposes and says as follows:

1. I desire to resign and hereby tender my license to practice law in North Carolina.
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 pending an investigation regarding allegations that I (a) engaged in a conspiracy with members of Mortgage Fraud Cell Nos. 1, 2, 4 and 5 to commit offenses against the United States, including making a false statement in relation to a loan, and engaging in mail fraud, wire fraud and bank fraud, in violation of 18 U.S.C. 1014, 1341, 1343 and 1344; and (b) engaged in a conspiracy with members of Mortgage Fraud Cell Nos. 1, 2, 4 and 5 to launder monetary proceeds of fraudulent real estate transactions in violation of 18 U.S.C. 1956(h).
4. I have entered a plea of guilty to these charges. I am in fact guilty of these charges.
5. I acknowledge the truth of the material facts upon which the investigation is predicated.
6. I know that if disciplinary charges were predicated upon the misconduct under investigation, I could not successfully defend against them.

This the ___ day of _____, 2009.

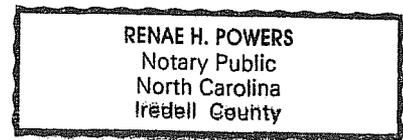


Christine C. Gates

I, RENAE A. Powers, Notary Public of the County of Tredell, State of North Carolina, certify that Christine C. Gates personally appeared before me this day, was sworn, attested that the foregoing Affidavit is true and accurate of her own personal knowledge, and executed the foregoing Affidavit.

This the 28 day of July, 2009.

RENAE H. POWERS
Notary Public



My Commission Expires: Jul. 4, 2012