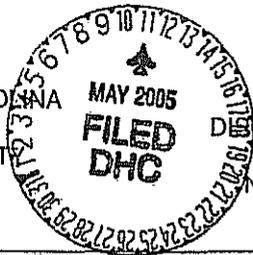


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NORTH CAROLINA  
WAKE COUNTY



BEFORE THE  
DISCIPLINARY HEARING COMMISSION  
OF THE  
NORTH CAROLINA STATE BAR  
05 DHC 19

THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BAR, )  
Plaintiff )  
v. )  
JOHN CHARLES MCNEILL, Attorney, )  
Defendant )

CONSENT ORDER OF  
INTERIM SUSPENSION

THIS CAUSE came on to be heard and was heard before the undersigned Chair of the Disciplinary Hearing Commission pursuant to 27 N.C.A.C. 1B §.0115(d). Plaintiff, the North Carolina State Bar, is represented by Margaret Cloutier and Defendant, John Charles McNeill, is represented by attorney Alan Schneider.. Based upon the pleadings, review of certified copies of documents, and upon consent of the parties, the undersigned makes the following:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Defendant was licensed to practice law in North Carolina in 2000.
2. Defendant's address of record with the North Carolina State Bar is 208 North Wallace Avenue, Wilmington, NC 28403.
3. On February 7, 2005, Defendant tendered a plea of guilty in the Superior Court of Buncombe County, North Carolina to one count of Possession With Intent to Manufacture Sell and Deliver Cocaine and two counts of Maintaining a Vehicle or Dwelling for Controlled Substances. All three counts are felonies. Defendant's plea was accepted by the court and Defendant was given a six- to eight-month suspended sentence and was placed on probation.
4. The North Carolina State Bar will file a formal complaint against Defendant alleging he has violated the Revised Rules of Professional Conduct based upon his felony convictions and the conduct on which the convictions were based.

Based upon the foregoing Findings of Fact the undersigned makes the following

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CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

5. The crimes of which Defendant was convicted are criminal offenses showing professional unfitness as defined in 27 N.C.A.C. 1B, §.0103 (17).

6. 27 N.C.A.C. 1B §.0115 provides that the Chair may enter an order suspending the member from practicing law pending disposition of disciplinary proceedings before the Disciplinary Hearing Commission based on the conviction of such crimes.

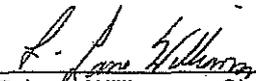
7. An order suspending Defendant's law license on an interim basis is necessary for the protection of the public and to uphold the standing of the legal profession.

Based upon the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the undersigned Chair of the Disciplinary Hearing Commission enters the following

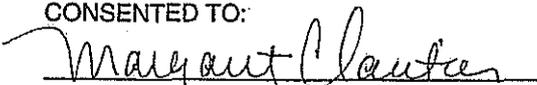
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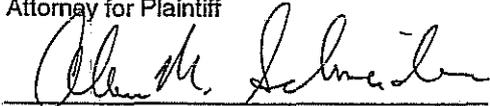
The license to practice law in North Carolina of John Charles McNeill is hereby SUSPENDED until the conclusion of all disciplinary proceedings before the North Carolina State Bar relating to Defendant's felony convictions in the Superior Court of Buncombe County, North Carolina.

This the 9<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2005.

  
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F. Lane Williamson, Chair  
Disciplinary Hearing Commission

CONSENTED TO:

  
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Margaret Cloutier, Deputy Counsel  
Attorney for Plaintiff

  
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Alan M. Schneider, Attorney for Defendant

  
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John Charles McNeill, Defendant

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