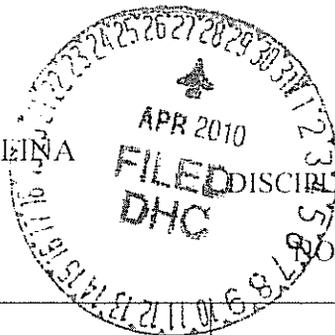


**NOTE: THIS LINK RELATES ONLY TO CHARLES  
RUFFIN POOLE OF RALEIGH. THIS LINK  
DOES NOT RELATE TO CHARLES W. POOLE OF  
YADKINVILLE,, WHO HAS HAD NO PROFESSIONAL  
ASSOCIATION WITH CHARLES RUFFIN POOLE.**

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
WAKE COUNTY



BEFORE THE  
DISCIPLINARY HEARING COMMISSION  
OF THE  
NORTH CAROLINA STATE BAR  
10 DHC 22

NORTH CAROLINA STATE BAR,  
Plaintiff,  
vs.  
CHARLES RUFFIN POOLE, Attorney,  
Defendant.

CONSENT ORDER OF  
INTERIM SUSPENSION

THIS CAUSE came before the undersigned Acting Chair of the Disciplinary Hearing Commission pursuant to 27 N.C. Admin. Code Chapter 1, Subchapter B, Rule .0115(d) of the Discipline & Disability Rules of the North Carolina State Bar on petition for an order of interim suspension of the license to practice law in North Carolina of Charles Ruffin Poole ("Poole") based upon his plea of guilty in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina to a crime showing professional unfitness. The State Bar is represented by Katherine E. Jean. Poole is represented by Douglas J. Brocker. Poole, through counsel, consents to entry of this order. Based upon the petition, the certified copy of Poole's guilty plea, and the consent of the parties, the undersigned hereby makes the following

#### FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Poole was licensed to practice law in North Carolina on August 29, 1998 and is and was at all times referred to herein an attorney at law, subject to the rules, regulations, and Rules of Professional Conduct of the North Carolina State Bar and the laws of North Carolina.
2. Poole's current address of record on file with the North Carolina State Bar is 513 Spring Valley Drive, Raleigh, North Carolina 27609.
3. On April 19, 2010, Poole pled guilty to the felony offense of federal income tax evasion in violation of 26 U.S.C. § 7201, as charged in count Fifty-Five of the Superseding Indictment in United States of America v. Charles Ruffin Poole, United States District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina, Eastern Division, file no. 5:10-CR-21-1-BO.

Based upon the foregoing FINDINGS OF FACT, the undersigned Acting Chair makes the following

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The offense to which Poole pled guilty is a criminal offense showing professional unfitness as defined by Rule .0103(17) of the State Bar Discipline & Disability Rules and N.C. Gen. Stat. § 84-28(b).

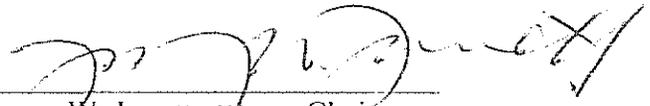
2. Rule .0115(d) of Subchapter B of the Discipline & Disability Rules of the State Bar authorizes the Chair of the Disciplinary Hearing Commission to enter an order suspending an attorney's license upon receipt of a certified copy of a plea of guilty to a criminal offense showing professional unfitness.

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

ORDER

1. The license to practice law in North Carolina of Charles Ruffin Poole is hereby SUSPENDED until the conclusion of all disciplinary matters pending before the North Carolina State Bar relating to his plea of guilty in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina of a criminal offense showing professional unfitness in file number no. 5:10-CR-21-1-BO.

This the 25 day of July, 2010.

  
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Tommy W. Jarrett, Vice Chair  
Disciplinary Hearing Commission  
Acting Pursuant to 27 N.C. Admin. Code,  
Chapter 1, Subchapter B, Section .0108(b)

WE CONSENT:

  
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Charles Ruffin Poole  
Defendant

  
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Douglas J. Brouck  
Counsel for Defendant

  
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Katherine E. Jean  
Counsel, North Carolina State Bar