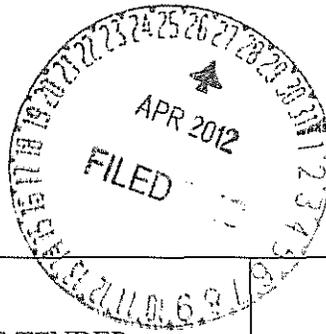


WAKE COUNTY  
NORTH CAROLINA



BEFORE THE COUNCIL  
OF THE  
NORTH CAROLINA STATE BAR  
12 BCS 2

IN THE MATTER OF THE TENDER  
OF SURRENDER OF LICENSE OF  
  
J. NEAL RODGERS

ORDER  
OF  
DISBARMENT

THIS MATTER came on to be heard and was heard by the Council of the North Carolina State Bar pursuant to Section .0117 of Subchapter B of the Rules and Regulations of the North Carolina State Bar upon an Affidavit of Surrender of Law License by J. Neal Rodgers, which was filed in the offices of the North Carolina State Bar on Wednesday, 25 April 2012.

Based upon the Affidavit of Surrender of Law License submitted by Rodgers, the Council finds that while serving as a lawyer licensed to practice law in North Carolina Rodgers misappropriated approximately \$80,000.00 of client funds entrusted to him in a fiduciary capacity and converted the money to his own use and benefit while he was serving as a lawyer licensed to practice law in North Carolina.

The Council also finds that Rodgers has waived his right to notice of this hearing and the right to be heard before the Council.

The Council concludes that by misappropriating entrusted client funds Rodgers violated Rules 1.15-2(j) and 8.4(c) of the North Carolina Rules of Professional Conduct. Rodgers' misconduct constitutes grounds for discipline pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. Section 84-28(b)(2).

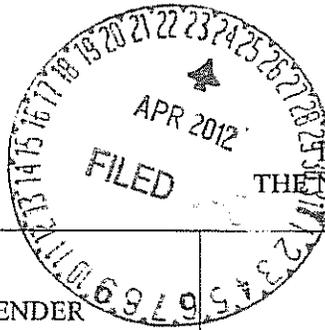
WHEREFORE, upon motion duly made and seconded, the Council of the North Carolina State Bar enters the following order:

1. The tender of Surrender of Law License of J. Neal Rodgers is hereby accepted.
2. J. Neal Rodgers is hereby DISBARRED from the practice of law in North Carolina.
3. J. Neal Rodgers shall comply with the provisions of Subchapter B, Section .0124 of the Rules and Regulations of the North Carolina State Bar and shall surrender his law 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 administrative fees and costs of this action are taxed against J. Neal Rodgers.

Done and ordered this 27<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2012.

  
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James R. Fox, President  
The North Carolina State Bar

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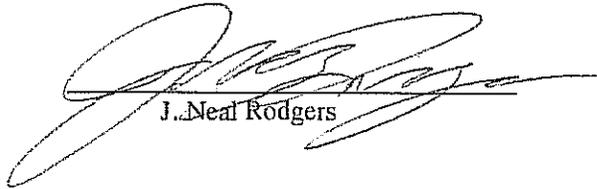
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AFFIDAVIT OF SURRENDER  
OF LAW LICENSE

J. NEAL RODGERS, being first duly sworn, deposes and says as follows:

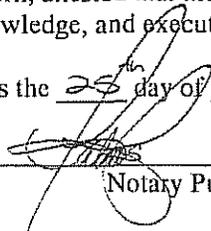
1. I desire to resign and hereby tender my license to practice law in North Carolina.
2. My resignation is freely and voluntarily rendered. It is not the result of coercion or duress. I am fully aware of the implications of submitting my resignation.
3. I am aware that there is an investigation pending against me regarding allegations that I have been guilty of misconduct by misappropriating approximately \$80,000.00 of client funds entrusted to me in a fiduciary capacity and converting the money to my own use and benefit while I was serving as a lawyer licensed to practice law in North Carolina.
4. I acknowledge the truth of the material facts upon which the investigation is predicated.
5. I am submitting my resignation because I know that if disciplinary charges were predicated upon the misconduct under investigation, I could not successfully defend against them.

This the 25 day of April, 2012.

  
J. Neal Rodgers

I, Fatima Flores, Notary Public of the County of Hecklenburg, State of North Carolina, certify that J. Neal Rodgers personally appeared before me this day, was sworn, attested that the foregoing Affidavit is true and accurate of his own personal knowledge, and executed the foregoing Affidavit.

This the 25<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2012.

  
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Notary Public

My Commission Expires: November 25, 2013

