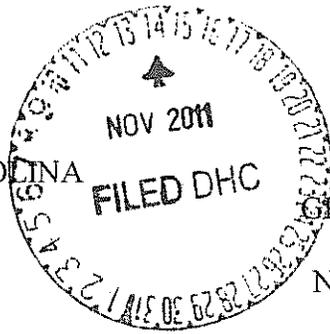


STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA



WAKE COUNTY

BEFORE THE  
GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR  
OF THE  
NORTH CAROLINA STATE BAR  
11D0002

IN RE:

RALPH B. STRICKLAND, JR.,  
ATTORNEY

CONSENT ORDER  
TRANSFERRING MEMBER TO DISABILITY  
INACTIVE STATUS

This matter is before the undersigned Chair of the Grievance Committee of the North Carolina State Bar pursuant to 27 N.C. Admin. Code 1B § .0118(g). Brian P.D. Oten represented the North Carolina State Bar (“State Bar”). Ralph B. Strickland, Jr. represented himself. Based upon the information presented and with the consent of the member and of the Office of Counsel, the undersigned makes the following

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The North Carolina State Bar (“State Bar”) is a body duly organized under the laws of North Carolina and is the proper party to bring this proceeding under the authority granted it in Chapter 84 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, and the rules and regulations of the North Carolina State Bar promulgated thereunder.

2. Ralph B. Strickland, Jr. (“Strickland”), was admitted to the North Carolina State Bar on 22 August 1976 and is, and was at all times referred to herein, an attorney at law licensed to practice in North Carolina, subject to the rules, regulations and Rules of Professional Conduct of the North Carolina State Bar and the laws of the State of North Carolina.

3. During the times relevant herein, Strickland was engaged in the practice of law in the State of North Carolina, including at the Cumberland County Sheriff’s Office in Fayetteville, Cumberland County, North Carolina.

4. Strickland currently suffers from chronic post-traumatic stress disorder, panic attacks, and severe depression which significantly impairs his professional judgment, performance and competence as an attorney.

5. Strickland voluntarily consents to being transferred to disability inactive status.

6. The State Bar consents to Strickland’s transfer to disability inactive status.

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact, the undersigned makes the following

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. There is clear, cogent and convincing evidence that Strickland is disabled within the meaning of 27 N.C. Admin. Code 1B § .0103(19).
2. Strickland should be transferred to disability inactive status with the State Bar.
3. Strickland and the State Bar voluntarily consent to Strickland's transfer to disability inactive status pursuant to 27 N.C. Admin. Code 1B § .0118(g).

THEREFORE, it is hereby ORDERED:

1. Ralph B. Strickland, Jr. is transferred to disability inactive status.
2. Strickland shall not practice law in North Carolina until he is no longer disabled and has been returned to active status as a member of the North Carolina State Bar pursuant to the procedures set out in 27 N.C. Admin. Code 1B § .0125(c).

This, the 14th day of November, 2011.

*Margaret M. Hunt*

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Margaret M. Hunt, Chair  
Grievance Committee

CONSENTED TO:

*Ralph B. Strickland, Jr.*

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Ralph B. Strickland, Jr.

*Brian P.D. Oten*

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Brian P.D. Oten  
Deputy Counsel