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NORTH CAROLINA
WAKE COUNTY

BEFORE THE
DISCIPLINARY HEARING COMMISSION
OF THE
NORTH CAROLINA STATE BAR
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THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BAR,
Plaintiff

vs.

ALLEN L. PATTERSON, ATTORNEY
Defendant

ORDER OF DISBARMENT

THIS MATTER coming before the undersigned Chair of the Disciplinary Hearing Commission pursuant to Section 17(D) of Art. IX of the Rules and Regulations of the N.C. State Bar upon the Defendant's Affidavit of Consent to Disbarment executed on the 14th day of August, 1993 and filed with the undersigned on the 23rd day of August, 1993 and the undersigned finds from the Consent to Disbarment the following:

1. Defendant's Consent to Disbarment was freely and voluntarily rendered. It was not the result of coercion or duress. The Defendant was fully aware of the implications of submitting the Consent to Disbarment.

2. Defendant was aware that there is a hearing presently scheduled on the allegations contained in the Complaint in this matter and that by submitting the Consent to Disbarment that he gave up his right to defend against those allegations at that hearing.

3. Defendant has acknowledged that he is guilty of the misconduct as alleged in the Complaint, which is incorporated herein by reference.

4. Defendant has acknowledged that the material facts contained in the Complaint in this matter are true.

5. Defendant's Consent to Disbarment was submitted because he knew that he cannot successfully defend against the allegations contained in the Complaint in this matter.

BASED UPON the foregoing findings, the undersigned concludes as follows:

(a) The affidavit of Defendant contained in his consent to disbarment meets the requirements of Section 17 of Article IX of the Rules and Regulations of the North Carolina State Bar.

(b) The Consent to Disbarment filed by the Defendant herein should be accepted.

THEREFORE, it is hereby ORDERED:

1. Defendant, Allen L. Patterson, is hereby DISBARRED from the practice of law in North Carolina.

2. Defendant shall forthwith surrender his license certificate and membership card to the Secretary of the N.C. State Bar.

3. Defendant shall comply with the requirements of Section 24 of Article IX of the Rules and Regulations of the N.C. State Bar.

4. Defendant is taxed with the costs of this proceeding as assessed by the Secretary of the N.C. State Bar.

This the 26th day of August, 1993.

Maureen Demarest Murray
Maureen Demarest Murray, Chair
Disciplinary Hearing Commission