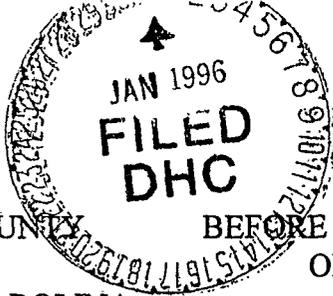


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WAKE COUNTY BEFORE THE DISCIPLINARY HEARING COMMISSION OF THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BAR NORTH CAROLINA 95 DHC 13

THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BAR Plaintiff v. KEITH Y. SHARPE, ATTORNEY AT LAW Defendant ORDER OF DISBARMENT

This matter being before the undersigned Chairperson of the Disciplinary Hearing Commission pursuant to 27 N.C. Admin. Code Chapter 1, Subchapter B, Rule .0117(d) of the Rules and Regulations of the N.C. State Bar upon the Defendant's affidavit of Consent to Disbarment executed on the 19th day of January, 1996 and filed with the undersigned on the 30th day of January, 1996, and the undersigned finds from that Consent to Disbarment the following:

- 1. The Defendant's Consent to Disbarment was freely and voluntarily rendered, was not the result of coercion or duress, and the Defendant was fully aware of the implications of submitting his Consent to Disbarment.
2. The Defendant is aware that a hearing is presently scheduled on Counts One - Three of the allegations contained in the N.C. State Bar's Second Amended Complaint in this matter and that by submitting his Consent to Disbarment he is giving up his right to defend against those allegations at that hearing.
3. The Defendant has admitted that he is guilty of misconduct as alleged in Counts One - Three of the Second Amended Complaint which is incorporated herein by reference.
4. Defendant has acknowledged that the material facts contained in the Second Amended Complaint are true.
5. The Defendant's Consent to Disbarment was submitted because he knew that he could not successfully defend against the allegations contained in Counts One - Three of the Second Amended Complaint in this matter.

6. Counsel for the Defendant have objected to the State Bar's request for production of certain medical records relating to the Defendant. Defendant produced the records to the State Bar, but preserved his objection.

Based upon the foregoing findings, the undersigned Chairperson concludes as follows:

1. The affidavit of the Defendant contained in his Consent to Disbarment meets the requirements of 27 N.C. Admin. Code Chapter 1, Subchapter B, Section .0117 of the Discipline & Disability Rules of the N.C. State Bar.

2. The Consent to Disbarment filed by the Defendant herein should be accepted.

3. In light of the foregoing findings and the tender of surrender, the Defendant's objection to the production of his medical records to the N.C. State Bar should be sustained, on condition that Defendant must produce the records to the N.C. State Bar as a condition precedent to seeking reinstatement.

THEREFORE it is hereby ORDERED:

1. The Defendant, Keith Y. Sharpe, is hereby DISBARRED from the practice of law in North Carolina.

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

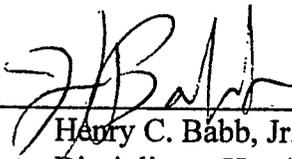
3. The Defendant shall comply with the requirements of Section .0124 of the State Bar Discipline & Disability Rules.

4. The Defendant is taxed with the costs of this proceeding as assessed by the Secretary.

5. As of the date of this order, the N.C. State Bar shall certify to the Chair that it has returned to Defendant's counsel the medical records relating to Defendant which were previously provided to the N.C. State Bar. As a condition precedent to filing any petition for reinstatement, however, Defendant must provide the N.C. State Bar with

certified copies of all such medical records.

This the th 30 day of January, 1996.



Henry C. Babb, Jr., Chair
Disciplinary Hearing Commission

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