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NORTH CAROLINA
WAKE COUNTY

BEFORE THE GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE
OF THE
NORTH CAROLINA STATE BAR
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THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BAR)
Petitioner)
THOMAS RICHARDSON, JR., ATTORNEY)
Respondent)

ORDER OF RECIPROCAL
DISCIPLINE

Pursuant to the authority vested in me as Chairperson of the Grievance Committee of the North Carolina State Bar by 27 N.C. Admin. Code Chapter 1, Subchapter B, Rules .0105(a)(12) and .0116(b)(3) of the Discipline and Disability Rules of the North Carolina State Bar; and based upon the record in this matter, the undersigned finds as follows:

1. By order dated May 10, 1996, the Supreme Court of South Carolina issued an order temporarily suspending you from the practice of law in South Carolina until further order of the Supreme Court of South Carolina.

2. On June 13, 1996, a Notice of Reciprocal Discipline Proceeding was signed and promptly mailed to you by certified mail, return receipt requested.

3. On June 24, 1996, you were served with the Notice of Reciprocal Discipline Proceeding, as evidenced by your signature on the return receipt.

4. On June 25, 1996, you signed and mailed an Answer to Notice of Reciprocal Discipline Proceeding stating that the identical discipline imposed in South Carolina should be imposed by the North Carolina State Bar, to run concurrent with the action taken by the Supreme Court of South Carolina.

BASED UPON THE FOREGOING FINDINGS, the Chairperson of the Grievance Committee makes the following CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:

1. The North Carolina State Bar has jurisdiction over the subject matter of this proceeding and over the person of Thomas Richardson, Jr.

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2. The procedure for imposition of reciprocal discipline pursuant to 27 N.C. Admin. Code Chapter 1, Subchapter B, Rule .0116 of the Discipline and Disability Rules of the North Carolina State Bar has been complied with.

3. The temporary suspension imposed by the Supreme Court of South Carolina should be imposed on Thomas Richardson's right to practice law in the State of North Carolina.

THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. The license to practice law in the State of North Carolina of Thomas Richardson, Jr. is hereby temporarily suspended.

2. Thomas Richardson, Jr. shall forthwith surrender his license certificate and membership card to the Secretary of the North Carolina State Bar.

3. Thomas Richardson, Jr. is hereby taxed with the costs of this proceeding as assessed by the Secretary.

4. Respondent shall comply with the wind down provisions of 27 N.C. Admin. Code Chapter 1, Subchapter B, Rule .0124 of the Discipline & Disability Rules of the North Carolina State Bar.

This the 16th day of July, 1996.


Ann Reed
Chairperson, Grievance Committee