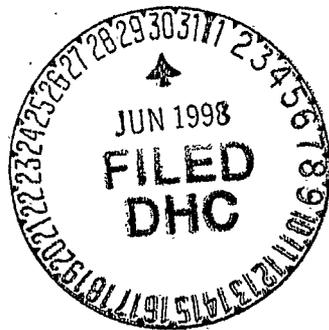


NORTH CAROLINA  
WAKE COUNTY



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BEFORE THE  
GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE  
OF THE  
NORTH CAROLINA STATE BAR  
97G0067(I), 97G1018(I), 97G1121(I)

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IN RE: )  
          ) CONSENT ORDER  
          ) TRANSFERRING MEMBER  
          ) TO DISABILITY  
ANTHONY RUGGIERO, JR., Attorney ) INACTIVE STATUS

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This matter is before the undersigned Chairperson of the North Carolina State Bar's Grievance Committee pursuant to 27 NCAC 1B §.0118(g); with A. Root Edmonson representing the North Carolina State Bar and Ralph G. Willey, III representing Anthony Ruggiero, Jr.; and based upon a confidential March 25, 1998 report of Ruggiero's psychologist, Sammie L. Cratch, Ph.D., and with the consent of the member and a deputy counsel of the North Carolina State Bar, the undersigned makes the following:

#### FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The North Carolina State Bar is a body duly organized under the laws of North Carolina and is the proper party to consent to 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. Anthony Ruggiero, Jr. was admitted to the North Carolina State Bar on March 19, 1988 and is 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. Anthony Ruggiero, Jr. actively engaged in the practice of law in the State of North Carolina and maintained a law office in the city of Kinston, Lenoir County, North Carolina.
4. Anthony Ruggiero, Jr. currently suffers from major depressive disorder with melancholia and generalized anxiety disorder which significantly impairs his professional judgment, performance, or competence as an attorney.
5. Anthony Ruggiero, Jr. consents to being transferred to disability inactive status.
6. Anthony Ruggiero, Jr. has sufficient capacity to understand the consequences of consenting to this order.

BASED UPON the foregoing Findings of Fact, the undersigned makes the following:

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Pursuant to 27 NCAC 1B §.0118(g), the proper parties have consented to Anthony Ruggiero, Jr. being transferred to disability inactive status.

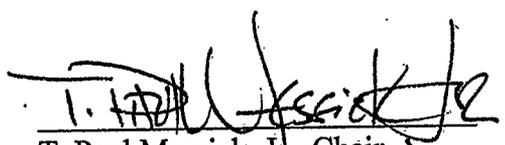
2. Anthony Ruggiero, Jr. is disabled within the meaning of 27 NCAC 1B §.0103(18).

THEREFORE, it is hereby ORDERED:

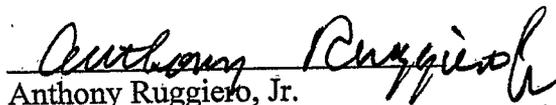
1. Anthony Ruggiero, Jr. is transferred to disability inactive status.

2. Anthony Ruggiero, Jr. shall refrain from practicing 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 NCAC 1B §.0125(c).

This is the 23 day of JUNE, 1998.

  
T. Paul Messick, Jr., Chair  
Grievance Committee  
North Carolina State Bar

CONSENTED TO:

  
Anthony Ruggiero, Jr.  
Member, North Carolina State Bar

  
Ralph G. Willey, III  
Attorney for Member

  
A. Root Edmonson  
Deputy Counsel  
North Carolina State Bar