

WAKE COUNTY
NORTH CAROLINA



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BEFORE THE
DISCIPLINARY HEARING COMMISSION
OF THE
NORTH CAROLINA STATE BAR
98 BSR 4

IN RE: REINSTATEMENT PETITION OF
D. STEPHEN JONES, Attorney,

ORDER OF REINSTATEMENT

THIS MATTER is before the Secretary of the North Carolina State Bar pursuant to a petition for reinstatement filed by D. Stephen Jones on December 5, 1998.

Based on a review of the records of the North Carolina State Bar, the Secretary makes the following:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. D. Stephen Jones (hereafter "Jones") was admitted to the North Carolina State Bar in 1953.
2. D. Stephen Jones (hereafter "Jones") was suspended by the North Carolina State Bar by order dated May 23, 1989, which suspension was stayed for three years.
3. An order was entered extending the period of the stay on July 20, 1992.
4. On January 25, 1995, following an order to show cause why the stay should not be lifted and the suspension activated, the Disciplinary Hearing Commission lifted the stay and activated the suspension.
5. On December 17, 1998, Jones filed a petition for reinstatement in this matter in which he stated through his attorney that he had complied with 27 N.C. Admin Code Chapter 1, SubChapter B, § .0124 of the State Bar Discipline and Disciplinary Rule, that he has complied with all orders of the Disciplinary Hearing Commission and the Council, and that

he has abstained from the unauthorized practice of law during the period of suspension of his license.

6. After conducting necessary investigation regarding petitioner's compliance with the requirements set out in 27 NC ADMIN CODE CHAPTER 1 SUBCHAPTER B § .0125, the North Carolina State Bar filed a response and objection to Jones's petition for reinstatement in this matter on January 15, 1999, alleging that in part that Jones' petition was not verified.
7. On January 25, 1999, the Defendant filed a verified petition.
8. On May 13, 1999, the North Carolina State Bar withdrew its response and objection to the petition of reinstatement of Jones.

BASED on the foregoing FINDINGS OF FACT, the Secretary makes the following:

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The petitioner D. Stephen Jones has satisfied the requirements set out in 27 NC ADMIN CODE CHAPTER 1 SUBCHAPTER B § .0125, had complied with the conditions of the Discipline and Disability Rules of the North Carolina State Bar, and is therefore entitled to reinstatement of his license to practice law in this jurisdiction.

Based on the foregoing FINDINGS OF FACT and CONCLUSIONS OF LAW, the Secretary enters the following:

ORDER OF REINSTATEMENT

1. D. Stephen Jones is hereby reinstated to the active practice of law in North Carolina as of the date of this order.

This 12th day of May, 1999.



L. Thomas Lunsford II, Secretary
The North Carolina State Bar