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NORTH CAROLINA  
WAKE COUNTY

REC. NC STATE BAR

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BEFORE THE  
GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE  
OF THE  
NORTH CAROLINA STATE BAR  
02G0172

IN RE:	)	CONSENT ORDER
	)	TRANSFERRING MEMBER
	)	TO DISABILITY
Robert W. Long, Respondent	)	INACTIVE STATUS

This matter is before the undersigned Chairperson of the North Carolina State Bar's Grievance Committee pursuant to 27 NCAC 1B §.0118(g). Douglas J. Brocker represents the North Carolina State Bar. Respondent, Robert W. Long (hereafter, "Long"), represents himself. Based upon the information provided and with the consent of Long and deputy counsel, 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 order 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 there under.
2. Long was admitted to the North Carolina State Bar on August 23, 1980 and is an Attorney at Law licensed to practice law 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. Until approximately December 2001, Long actively engaged in the practice of law in the State of North Carolina, and maintained a law office in the city of Ash, Brunswick County, North Carolina.
4. Respondent is currently experiencing numerous personal difficulties, most significantly the serious illnesses of his mother, father, and other close relatives.
5. These personal and familial problems have resulted in large part in Long becoming clinically depressed.
6. Edmund F. Ward, III, of the Lawyer's Assistance Program, has personally observed Long since October 2001. During his contacts and communications with Ward, Long has demonstrated numerous symptoms consistent with clinical depression. Ward has determined that Long currently suffers from clinical depression.

7. Long's personal problems and the resulting clinical depression significantly impair his professional judgment, performance and competence to act as an attorney.

8. Long consents to being transferred to a disability inactive status.

9. Long 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. The proper parties have consented to Long being transferred to disability inactive status, pursuant to 27 NCAC 1B §.0118(g).

2. Long is disabled within the meaning of 27 NCAC 1B §.0103(19).

THEREFORE, it is hereby ORDERED:

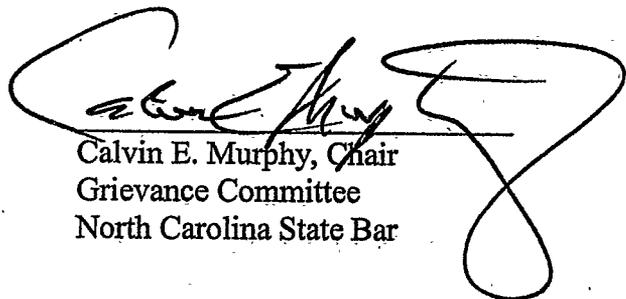
#### ORDER

1. Long is transferred to disability inactive status.

2. Long 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).

3. Prior to seeking reinstatement, Long must pay all membership dues and comply with his continuing legal education requirements that were due or delinquent as of the day of the entry of this order.

This the 25 day of FEB, 2002.

  
Calvin E. Murphy, Chair  
Grievance Committee  
North Carolina State Bar

CONSENTED TO:

Robert W. Long  
Robert W. Long  
Respondent

Douglas J. Brocker  
Douglas J. Brocker  
Deputy Counsel  
North Carolina State Bar

Subscribed and sworn before me  
this 14<sup>th</sup> day of Feb, 2002

Donald S. Jones  
Notary Public

My commission expires: 7-5-2005

Subscribed and sworn before me  
this 19<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2002

Debra P. Holland  
Notary Public

My commission expires: 3/28/04