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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF WAKE

IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE
SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION

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IN RE: MATTER OF DISCIPLINE)
OF ALFREDA WILLIAMSON,)
ATTORNEY AT LAW)

No. 03M4792 C.S.C.

BY _____

ORDER OF DISBARMENT

This matter came on for hearing before this Court on October 16, 2003, during the regular Civil Session of Wake County Superior Court. Respondent Alfreda Williamson was present at the hearing and was represented by counsel, Eric C. Chasse. David Johnson appeared on behalf of the North Carolina State Bar. Based on the Court's review of the matters proffered by both sides at the hearing and the full consideration of the record proper, the Court hereby makes the following FINDINGS OF FACT by clear, cogent, and convincing evidence, and CONCLUSIONS OF LAW.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Alfreda Williamson is an attorney licensed to practice law in the State of North Carolina.

2. In an Order dated April 29, 2003, Ms. Williamson was censured by the North Carolina State Bar for violating the Rules of Professional Conduct in a matter unrelated to the present case.

3. On or about October 10, 2003, Senior Resident Superior Court Judge Donald W. Stephens gave formal notice to Ms. Williamson that a judicial discipline proceeding would be held on or after October 16, 2003, to deal with allegations of misconduct involving Ms. Williamson. Ms. Williamson timely received this notice prior to the hearing on this matter.

4. On October 16, 2003, Ms. Williamson entered a guilty plea pursuant to *North Carolina v. Alford*, 400 U.S. 25 (1970), to one count of the criminal offense of Obtaining Property by False Pretenses, see N.C. Gen. Stat. § 14-100. The offense to which Ms. Williamson pleaded guilty pursuant to *Alford* is classified as a Class H felony under North Carolina law. In Wake County file number 03CRS60610, Superior Court Judge Abraham Penn Jones entered a criminal judgment against Ms. Williamson, and sentenced her a term of community punishment involving five years of probation with several conditions.

5. The allegations with respect to the offense of Obtaining Property by False Pretenses to which Ms. Williamson pleaded guilty involve acts and conduct of Ms. Williamson directly relating to her practice as an attorney and reflect seriously and adversely on her honesty, trustworthiness, and fitness as an attorney.

6. Ms. Williamson's conviction of a felony offense is such as to demean and bring into disrepute and disgrace the practice of law and the legal profession.

7. Ms. Williamson's conduct as alleged in the charge of Obtaining Property by False Pretenses has caused substantial actual harm to members of the public.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Court has the requisite subject matter and personal jurisdiction and the inherent authority to address the matters presented here and to enter the ORDER in this matter.

2. Respondent Alfreda Williamson has been convicted of a serious felony involving moral turpitude, and this conviction reflects adversely on her honesty, trustworthiness, and fitness as an attorney at law and as a practitioner licensed by the North Carolina State Bar.

3. Entry of an ORDER of discipline short of disbarment is insufficient to protect the public and the integrity of the legal profession.

Based on the foregoing FINDINGS OF FACT and CONCLUSIONS OF LAW, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. Respondent Alfreda Williamson is hereby DISBARRED from the practice of law and from the legal profession in the State of North Carolina effective immediately.

2. Ms. Williamson shall have thirty (30) days from the entry of this ORDER in which to wind down her law practice. During the wind down period, Ms. Williamson may conclude existing client matters that may reasonably be concluded in the best interests of her clients and that are accomplished with the consent of her clients. During this wind down period, Ms. Williamson shall not accept any new clients or any additional legal matters from any existing clients. During this wind down period, Ms. Williamson shall fully comply with the provisions contained in Title 27, Subchapter 1B, Section .0124 of the North Carolina Administrative Code (State Bar Discipline and Disability Rules), with respect to the winding down of her practice.

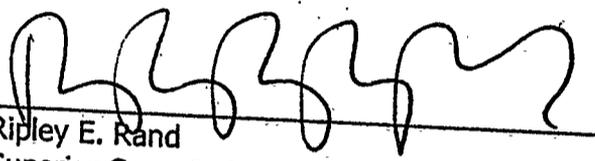
3. Ms. Williamson shall not practice law unless and until her license is restored by the North Carolina State Bar pursuant to the Bar's reinstatement rules, see N.C. Admin. Code, tit. 27, subchapter 1B, § .0125. This ORDER shall be and is an injunction of this Court prohibiting Ms. Williamson from (A) engaging in any acts constituting the practice of law, (B) holding herself out as an attorney, or (C) holding herself out as being capable of providing the services of an attorney as defined by the laws of North Carolina.

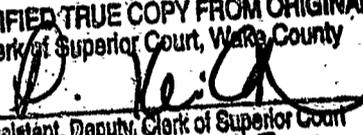
4. In the event that Ms. Williamson seeks to petition the Bar to be reinstated as a licensed attorney and member of the North Carolina State Bar, she shall follow the eligibility prerequisites and other procedures of the North Carolina State Bar then in effect at the time that her petition, if any, is filed. Pursuant to the terms and conditions of this ORDER, Ms. Williamson shall not be allowed to file any petition for reinstatement prior to the expiration of five years from the date of the entry of this ORDER.

5. Within ten (10) days of the entry of this ORDER, Ms. Williamson shall deliver her law license certificate and North Carolina Bar state membership card to the North Carolina State Bar, Post Office Box 25908, Raleigh, North Carolina, 27611.

6. The Clerk of Superior Court for Wake County shall forthwith certify a copy of this ORDER to the North Carolina State Bar.

This, the 16th day of October, 2003.


Ripley E. Rand
Superior Court Judge

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