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WAKE COUNTY
NORTH CAROLINA

BEFORE THE
GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE OF THE
NORTH CAROLINA STATE BAR
03G0681 and 03G0795

IN RE BOB D. WORTHINGTON
ATTORNEY

)
) CONSENT
) ORDER TRANSFERRING
) MEMBER TO DISABILITY
) INACTIVE STATUS
)

THIS MATTER is before the undersigned Chairperson of the Grievance Committee of the N.C. State Bar pursuant to 27 N.C. Admin. Code Chapter 1B, Section .0118(g). Margaret Cloutier represents the North Carolina State Bar and Bob D. Worthington appeared pro se. Based upon facts presented and with the consent of the member and the 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 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. Bob D. Worthington was admitted to practice law in North Carolina on August 19, 1979 and is an Attorney at Law licensed to practice in North Carolina, subject to the rules, regulations and Revised Rules of Professional Conduct of the North Carolina State Bar and the laws of the State of North Carolina.
3. Bob D. Worthington actively engaged in the practice of law in the State of North Carolina and, prior to April 2004, maintained a law office in the City of Kinston, Lenoir County, North Carolina.

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4. Bob D. Worthington currently suffers from a major depressive disorder which dates from at least 1993, and also suffers from the following physical ailments and conditions:

- a. degenerative joint disease and arthritis,
- b. tendonitis in both wrists,
- c. type 2 diabetes,
- d. short term memory loss,
- e. panic disorder,
- f. post traumatic stress disorder,
- g. sleep disorder and sleep apnea,
- h. hypertension, and
- i. Temporomandibular joint disorder.

5. For these psychological and medical conditions Bob D. Worthington takes a variety of medications, including

- a. Trazadone,
- b. Xanax,
- c. Hydroxyzine,
- d. Wellbutrin,
- e. Celexa,
- f. Exelon, and
- g. Seroquel.

6. The above psychological and medical conditions significantly impair Bob D. Worthington's professional judgment, performance or competence as an attorney.

7. Bob D. Worthington consents to being transferred to disability inactive status.

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

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Pursuant to 27 N.C. Admin. Code 1B Section .0118(g), the proper parties have consented to the transfer of Bob D. Worthington to disability inactive status.

2. Bob D. Worthington is disabled within the meaning of 27 N.C. Admin. Code 1B Section .0103(18).

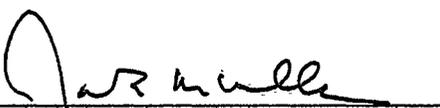
THEREFORE, it is hereby ORDERED:

1. Bob D. Worthington is transferred to disability inactive status.

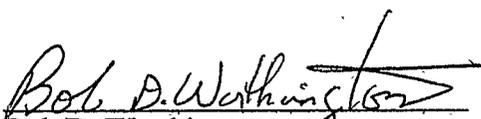
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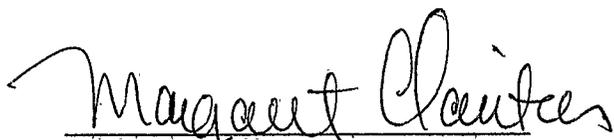
2. Bob D. Worthington shall refrain from practicing law in North Carolina until reinstated to active status pursuant to 27 N.C. Admin. Code Chapter 1B Section .0125(c).

This the 24th day of May, 2004.


John B. McMillan, Chair
Grievance Committee
The North Carolina State Bar

CONSENTED TO:


Bob D. Worthington


Margaret Cloutier

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