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NORTH CAROLINA
WAKE COUNTY



BEFORE THE
DISCIPLINARY HEARING COMMISSION
OF THE
NORTH CAROLINA STATE BAR
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THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BAR,)
Plaintiff)
v.)
CHARLES D. BLACKWELL II, Attorney,)
Defendant)

ORDER OF
INTERIM SUSPENSION

THIS CAUSE came on for consideration before the undersigned Chair of the Disciplinary Hearing Commission pursuant to 27 N.C.A.C. 1B §.0115(d). Plaintiff, the North Carolina State Bar, is represented by Margaret Cloutier and Defendant, Charles D. Blackwell II, appears pro se. Based upon the pleadings, review of certified copies of documents, and upon consent of the parties, the undersigned makes the following:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Defendant was licensed to practice law in North Carolina in 2002.
2. Defendant's address of record with the North Carolina State Bar is 1407 Coach Road, Reidsville, NC 27320.
3. On December 6, 2005, Defendant tendered a plea of guilty in the United States District Court for the Middle District of North Carolina to one count of Possession of Child Pornography, a felony. Defendant's plea was accepted by the court but Defendant has not yet been sentenced for his criminal offense.
4. The North Carolina State Bar will file a formal complaint against Defendant alleging he has violated the Revised Rules of Professional Conduct based upon his felony conviction and the conduct on which the conviction was based.

Based upon the foregoing Findings of Fact the undersigned makes the following

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

5. The crime of which Defendant was convicted is a criminal offense showing professional unfitness as defined in 27 N.C.A.C. 1B, §.0103 (17).

6. 27 N.C.A.C. 1B §.0115 provides that the Chair may enter an order suspending the member from practicing law pending disposition of disciplinary proceedings before the Disciplinary Hearing Commission based on the conviction of such crime.

7. An order suspending Defendant's law license on an interim basis is necessary for the protection of the public and to uphold the standing of the legal profession.

Based upon the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the undersigned Chair of the Disciplinary Hearing Commission enters the following

ORDER

The license to practice law in North Carolina of Charles D. Blackwell II is hereby **SUSPENDED** until the conclusion of all disciplinary proceedings before the North Carolina State Bar relating to Defendant's felony conviction in the United States District Court for the Middle District of North Carolina and the conduct underlying such conviction.

This the 13th day of February, 2006.



F. Lane Williamson, Chair
Disciplinary Hearing Commission