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WAKE COUNTY
NORTH CAROLINA



BEFORE THE
DISCIPLINARY HEARING COMMISSION
OF THE
NORTH CAROLINA STATE BAR
06 DHC 25

THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BAR)
Plaintiff)
v.)
BRENT E. WOOD, ATTORNEY)
Defendant)

ORDER
OF INTERIM
SUSPENSION

THIS CAUSE came on to be heard and was heard on the ~~28~~ day of June, 2006 before the undersigned Chair of the Disciplinary Hearing Commission pursuant to 27 N.C. Admin. Code Chapter 1 Subchapter B, § .0115 of the N.C. State Bar Discipline & Disbarment Rules. The Defendant, Brent E. Wood, was represented by Reef C. Ivey II. The N.C. State Bar was represented by Carolin Bakewell. Based upon the pleadings herein, the undersigned hereby makes the following:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Brent Wood was licensed to practice law in North Carolina in August 1989.
2. Wood's last address of record with the North Carolina State Bar is 300 Champions Point Way, Cary NC 27513.
3. On or about May 11, 2006, Wood was convicted of one count of conspiracy to commit mail fraud and wire fraud in violation of 18 U.S.C. 1341 and 1343, respectively; six counts of mail fraud in violation of 18 U.S.C. 1341 and 18 U.S.C. 2; and one count of conspiracy to commit money laundering in violation of 18 U.S.C. 1956(a)(1)(A)(i) and 18 U.S.C. 1956(A)(1).
4. The offenses of which Wood was convicted are serious crimes showing professional unfitness within the meaning of 27 NCAC 1B .0115(a) of the State Bar Discipline & Disability Rules.
5. On or about May 24, 2006, the Plaintiff filed a formal disciplinary complaint against Wood, based upon his felony convictions.

Based upon the foregoing Findings of Fact, the undersigned hereby makes the following:

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

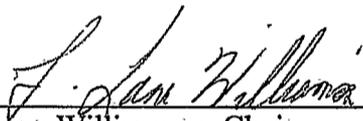
1. Wood has been convicted of one count of conspiracy to commit mail fraud and wire fraud in violation of 18 U.S.C. 1341 and 1343, respectively; six counts of mail fraud in violation of 18 U.S.C. 1341 and 18 U.S.C. 2; and one count of conspiracy to commit money laundering in violation of 18 U.S.C. 1956(a)(1)(A)(i) and 18 U.S.C. 1956(A)(1).
2. The offenses of which Wood was convicted are serious crimes showing professional unfitness within the meaning of 27 N.C. Admin. Code Chapter B, § .0115 of the State Bar Discipline & Disability Rules.
3. An order suspending Wood'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

1. The license to practice law in North Carolina of Brent Wood is hereby **SUSPENDED** until the conclusion of all disciplinary proceedings pending before the North Carolina State Bar relating to Wood's conviction of one count of conspiracy to commit mail fraud and wire fraud in violation of 18 U.S.C. 1341 and 1343, respectively; six counts of mail fraud in violation of 18 U.S.C. 1341 and 18 U.S.C. 2; and one count of conspiracy to commit money laundering in violation of 18 U.S.C. 1956(a)(1)(A)(i) and 18 U.S.C. 1956(A)(1).

This the 28th day of June, 2006.



Lane Williamson, Chair
Disciplinary Hearing Commission