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NORTH CAROLINA
WAKE COUNTY

BEFORE THE
GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE OF THE
NORTH CAROLINA STATE BAR
05G0280

IN RE:)	
)	CONSENT ORDER
)	TRANSFERRING ATTORNEY
)	TO DISABILITY
AYN M. MIDDLETON, ATTORNEY)	INACTIVE STATUS
)	

This matter is before the undersigned Chairperson of the North Carolina State Bar's Grievance Committee pursuant to 27 N.C. Admin. Code 1B §.0118(g), with Jennifer A. Porter representing the North Carolina State Bar and James B. Maxwell representing Ayn M. Middleton, and based upon facts received during the investigation in this grievance 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. Ayn M. Middleton ("Middleton") was admitted to the North Carolina State Bar on September 10, 1999 and is an Attorney at Law licensed to practice 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. Middleton actively engaged in the practice of law in the State of North Carolina and maintained a law office in Laurinburg, North Carolina.
4. Middleton currently suffers from depression which significantly impairs her professional judgment, performance, or competence as an attorney.
5. Middleton consents to being transferred to disability inactive status.

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

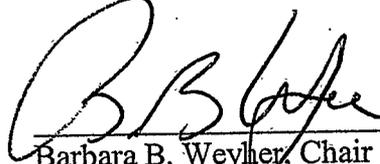
CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Pursuant to 27 N.C. Admin. Code 1B §.0118(g), the proper parties have consented to Middleton being transferred to disability inactive status.
2. Middleton is disabled within the meaning of 27 N.C. Admin. Code 1B §.0103(19).

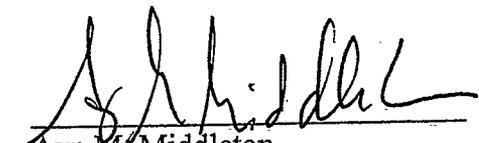
THEREFORE, it is hereby ORDERED:

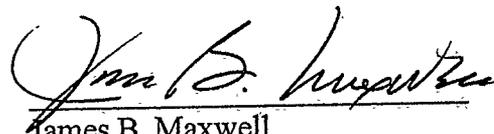
1. Ayn M. Middleton is transferred to disability inactive status.
2. Middleton shall refrain from practicing law in North Carolina until returned to active status pursuant to 27 N.C. Admin. Code 1B §.0125(c).

This the 28 day of Aug 2006.


Barbara B. Weyher, Chair
Grievance Committee
North Carolina State Bar

CONSENTED TO:


Ayn M. Middleton
Member, North Carolina State Bar


James B. Maxwell
Attorney for Member


Jennifer A. Porter
Deputy Counsel
North Carolina State Bar