

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF ROWAN

IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE
FILED DISTRICT COURT DIVISION
FILE NO. 14 R 254

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TIFFANY DAWN RUSSELL

ROWAN COUNTY, C.S.C. ORDER OF CENSURE

BY: *AB*

THIS MATTER on June 6, 2014 at 11:53 a.m. in open court immediately following a ruling on a set aside motion and as a consequence of Attorney Russell's unprofessionalism, a chambers conference convened. Present in chambers were Attorney Tiffany Dawn Russell, Assistant District Attorney Michelle Walker and Bailiff Rick Vanhoy.

FINDINGS OF FACTS

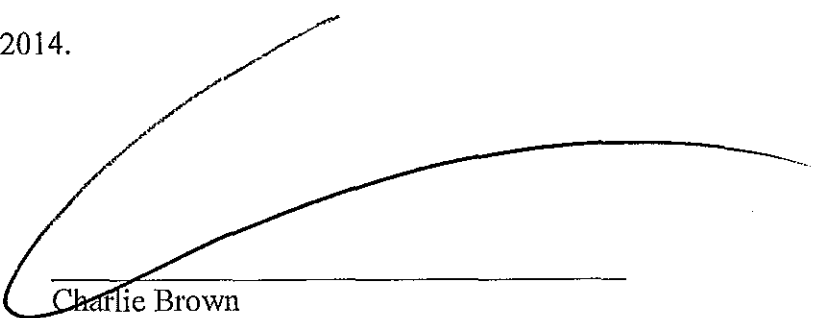
1. In chambers, the undersigned asked Attorney Russell whether her statements in open court complied with her professional duty to yield gracefully to the court's order.
2. Attorney Russell stated, "I don't feel procedure and statutes have been followed and I'm just being honest with you."
3. Attorney Russell was non-responsive, the undersigned again asked whether her statements in open court complied with her professional duty to yield gracefully to the court's order.
4. Attorney Russell replied, "I just don't agree," and then repeated her earlier statement.
5. The undersigned informed Attorney Russell that she was being censured for her unprofessional behavior and willful failure to comply with the North Carolina General Rules of Practice for the Superior and District Courts Rule 12.
6. The undersigned informed Attorney Russell that she was being fined \$100.00 for her unprofessional behavior and willful failure to comply with the North Carolina General Rules of Practice for the Superior and District Courts Rule 12.
7. When instructed to pay the Clerk of Court the fine, Attorney Russell asked if she could email the undersigned about this.

8. The undersigned instructed Attorney Russell that she was not to email the presiding Judge.
9. Attorney Russell then stated she was "just seeking judicial advice."
10. While the undersigned was completing paperwork in chambers and as Attorney Russell was waiting in the courtroom for the clerk to finish preparing the bill of costs for the fine imposed, Attorney Russell became impatient and stated, "This is bullshit."
11. While court was in recess Lieutenant Rucker cautioned Attorney Russell to be quiet.
12. Attorney Russell stated, "This shit doesn't happen in Raleigh."
13. Again, Lieutenant Rucker instructed her to be quiet.
14. Attorney Russell stated, "This court is not in session."
15. Attorney Russell waved her \$100.00 in cash to all present in the courtroom during the exchange outlined above.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED:

1. Attorney Russell is hereby censured and shall pay a fine of \$100.00 to the Rowan County Clerk of Court.
2. Copy of this Order of Censure shall be delivered by personal service to Attorney Tiffany Russell at 123 W. Main Street, Suite 316, Durham, NC 27701 and Executive Director Tom Lunsford of the North Carolina State Bar at P.O. Box 25908, Raleigh, NC 27611.

This the 11th day of June, 2014.


Charlie Brown
Chief District Court Judge,
19C Judicial District