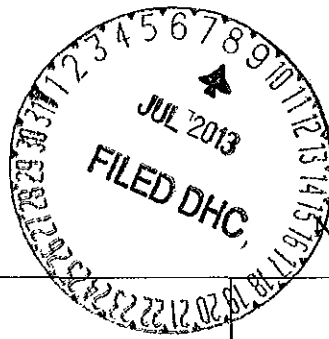


NORTH CAROLINA
WAKE COUNTY



BEFORE THE SECRETARY
OF THE
NORTH CAROLINA STATE BAR
13 BSR 4

IN RE REINSTATEMENT OF
M. THOMAS NORWOOD, III

ORDER OF REINSTATEMENT

THIS MATTER is before the Secretary of the North Carolina State Bar pursuant to a Petition for Reinstatement filed by M. Thomas Norwood, III (hereafter "Norwood") on June 4, 2013.

Based upon a review of the records of the North Carolina State Bar, the Secretary makes the following:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Mr. Norwood was suspended by the Disciplinary Hearing Commission (DHC) for one year beginning 30 days from the date of service of the Order of Discipline upon him in 11 DHC 26.
2. The Order of Discipline was filed on April 12, 2012.
3. Mr. Norwood's counsel accepted service of the Order of Discipline on April 19, 2012.
4. Mr. Norwood's one year suspension under the Order of Discipline became effective as of May 19, 2012.
5. Mr. Norwood's one year suspension expired on May 19, 2013.
6. Mr. Norwood filed a Petition for Reinstatement to Active Status from One Year Suspension on June 4, 2013.
7. Pursuant to Rule .0125(b)(2) of the North Carolina Discipline and Disability Rules, 27 N.C. Admin. Code, 1B, § .0125(b)(2), an attorney suspended for more than 120 days is not eligible for reinstatement until the expiration of the period of suspension and until 30 days have elapsed from the filing of the petition for reinstatement. The 30th day after the date Mr. Norwood filed his petition for reinstatement was July 5, 2013 (July 4, 2013 was a holiday).
8. Rule .0125(b)(3) sets out the requirements Norwood must satisfy in order to be reinstated to active status from his suspension. The Order of Discipline imposed additional requirements of the following: Mr. Norwood submitting his bar card and

affidavit on time; paying costs on time; and, fulfilling all of his Membership and CLE requirements in a timely manner.

9. After conducting an investigation of Mr. Norwood's eligibility and compliance with Rule .0125(b) and the Order of Discipline, counsel for the North Carolina State Bar did not file a response objecting to Mr. Norwood's petition for reinstatement.

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

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW


1. Pursuant to Rule .0125(b)(5), if the counsel for the State Bar does not file a response to the petition for reinstatement before the petitioner is first eligible for reinstatement, then the secretary will issue an order of reinstatement.

2. Since the counsel has not filed a response, it is appropriate for the undersigned to issue an order of reinstatement.

3. Based upon the date of the expiration of his suspension and the date of his filing of his Petition for Reinstatement, Mr. Norwood is eligible to be reinstated as of July 8, 2013.

THEREFORE, pursuant to Rule .0125 of the North Carolina State Bar Discipline and Disability Rules, 27 N.C. Admin. Code, 1B § .0125, it is hereby ORDERED that M. Thomas Norwood, III is hereby reinstated to active status.

This the 8TH day of July, 2013.



L. Thomas Lunsford, II, Secretary
The North Carolina State Bar