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NORTH CAROLINA
MECKLENBURG COUNTY

IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE
SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION
FILE NO. 01

IN THE MATTER OF THE)
DISCIPLINE OF,)

SHARON DUNIGAN JUMPER,)
Attorney at Law)

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CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT
MECKLENBURG COUNTY

THIS CAUSE, coming on to be heard and being heard before the undersigned judge presiding at the October 22, 2001 session of Mecklenburg County Superior Court upon notice to the respondent, Sharon Dunigan Jumper, who is present and represented by Norman Butler and Paul Whitfield, both of the Mecklenburg County Bar; and the Court finds the following facts by clear, cogent and convincing evidence:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The Respondent, Sharon Dunigan Jumper, is an attorney licensed to practice law in the State of North Carolina.
2. The Respondent entered a plea of guilty in this Court on this date to the offense of Financial Transaction Card Fraud, a Class I Felony.
3. The offense to which the Respondent has pled guilty does not directly involve her practice as an attorney but does reflect adversely upon her honesty, trustworthiness, and fitness as an attorney. In particular, during the course of pre-trial hearings, evidence was presented which showed that the Respondent's conduct which led to the criminal charges was related to general practices of poor financial management in her professional practice and personal life.
4. Notwithstanding the Respondent's proficiency as a courtroom lawyer, this Court is of the opinion that the Respondent has demonstrated such inattention to the management of the business aspect of her professional and personal life that will inevitably impair her ability to continue to practice in a professional and competent manner.

5. The Respondent's conduct is such as to demean and bring into disrepute and disgrace the practice and profession of attorney and to bring into contempt the administration of justice.

BASED UPON THE FORGOING FINDINGS OF FACT, the Court CONCLUDES AS MATTERS OF LAW:

1. This Court has authority to discipline the Respondent pursuant to its inherent authority over licensed attorneys in this state.
2. The Respondent, Sharon Dunigan Jumper, has pled guilty to a felony which reflects adversely on her honesty, trustworthiness, or fitness as an attorney.
3. The Respondent's conduct is such as to warrant suspension by this Court.

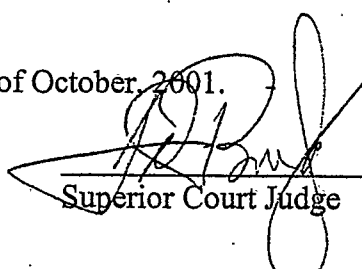
NOW THEREFORE IT IS ORDERED:

1. The Respondent, Sharon Dunigan Jumper, is hereby suspended from the practice of law in the State of North Carolina for a period of no less than 90 days, effective November 15, 2001.
2. The Respondent shall, on or before November 15, 2001, transmit her license certificate and membership card to the North Carolina State Bar at 208 Fayetteville Street Mall, Raleigh, N.C. 27602 or mail them to P.O. Box 25908, Raleigh, N.C. 27611-5908.
3. The North Carolina State Bar shall immediately institute disciplinary proceedings against the Respondent for purposes of determining whether or not the Respondent should be disbarred and, if not, the actual period of suspension of the Respondent's law license, which shall, in any event, be no less than 90 days.
4. The Respondent shall not practice law in North Carolina unless and until her license is restored by the North Carolina State Bar, which shall be no sooner than February 13, 2002, and as conditions precedent thereto the Respondent shall:
 - a. Participate in and successfully complete any course of education, counseling or treatment as recommended by the North Carolina State Bar pertaining to law office management, personal and professional financial

management, and personal and professional accounting or bookkeeping.

- b. Implement such systems as directed by the North Carolina State Bar for law office management, bookkeeping and accounting in connection with her practice of law.
5. The Respondent shall comply with the wind down provisions of 27 N.C. Admin Code Chapter 1, Subchapter B, Rule .0124 of the North Carolina State Bar Discipline & Disability Rules.
6. The Clerk of Superior Court of Mecklenburg County shall forthwith certify a copy of this Order to the North Carolina State Bar.

This the 23rd day of October, 2001.



Superior Court Judge

A TRUE COPY

CLERK SUPERIOR COURT

By Carolyn B. Platts
Assistant Deputy Clerk Superior Court

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

File No.

00CRS112301

MECKLENBURG County CHARLOTTE, NC Seat of Court

In The General Court Of Justice Superior Court Division

NOTE: (This form is to be used for (1) felony offense(s), and (2) misdemeanor offense(s), which are consolidated for judgment with any felony offense(s). Use AOC-CR-310 for DWI offense(s).)

STATE VERSUS

JUDGMENT SUSPENDING SENTENCE - FELONY
IMPOSING AN INTERMEDIATE PUNISHMENT
IMPOSING A COMMUNITY PUNISHMENT (STRUCTURED SENTENCING)

G.S. 15A-1341, -1342, -1343, -1343.2, -1346

Name Of Defendant SHARON D. JUMPER
Race White Sex Female DOB 01-17-1966

Attorney For State A. SIGMON & J. ASHENDORF
Def. Found Not Indigent Def. Waived Attorney

Attorney For Defendant N. BUTLER & P. WHITFIELD
Appointed Retained

The defendant [X] pled guilty to: [] was found guilty by a jury of: [] pled no contest to:

Table with columns: File No.(s), Off., Offense Description, Offense Date, G.S. No., F/M, CL.
Row 1: 00CRS112301, 51, FINANCIAL CARD FRAUD, 12-11-1998, 14-113.13(a), F, I

The Court:

- [X] 1. has determined, pursuant to G.S. 15A-1340.14, the prior record points of the defendant to be 0 PRIOR RECORD LEVEL: [X] I [] III [] V
[] 2. makes no prior record level finding because none is required. [] II [] IV [] VI

The Court (NOTE: Block 1 or 2 MUST be checked.):

- [X] 1. makes no written findings because the prison term imposed is within the presumptive range of sentences authorized under G.S. 15A-1340.17(c).
[] 2. makes the Findings of Aggravating and Mitigating Factors set forth on the attached AOC-CR-605.
[] 3. makes the Findings of Extraordinary Mitigation set forth on the attached AOC-CR-606.
[] 4. finds the defendant has provided substantial assistance pursuant to G.S. 90-95(h)(5).
[] 5. finds enhanced punishment from a Class A1 or Class 1 misdemeanor to a Class I felony.
[] G.S. 90-95(e)(3) (drugs); [] G.S. 14-3(c) (hate crime).
[X] 6. imposes the punishment pursuant to a plea arrangement as to sentence under Article 58 of G.S. Chapter 15A.
[] 7. finds the above designated offenses(s) is a reportable conviction involving a minor. G.S. 14-208.6.
[] 8. finds the defendant is classified as a sexually violent predator. G.S. 14-208-20.

The Court, having considered evidence, arguments of counsel and statement of defendant, finds that the defendant's plea was freely, voluntarily, and understandingly entered, and Orders the above offenses be consolidated for judgment and the defendant be imprisoned

for a minimum term of 06 months for a maximum term of 08 months in the custody of the N.C. DOC.

[] This sentence shall run at the expiration of sentence imposed in file number

The defendant shall be given credit for days spent in the confinement prior to the date of this Judgment as a result of this charge(s) to be applied toward the [] sentence imposed above. [] imprisonment required for special probation set forth on AOC-CR-603, Page Two.

SUSPENSION OF SENTENCE

[X] With [] Without* the consent of the defendant and subject to the conditions set out below, the execution of this sentence is suspended and the defendant is placed on [X] supervised [] unsupervised probation for 24 months.

(*NOTE: For offenses committed on or after January 1, 1997, per repeal of 15A-1341(c), defendant's consent is not needed.)

- [] 1. The Court finds that a [] longer [] shorter period of probation is necessary than that which is specified in G.S. 15A-1343.2(d).
[] 2. The Court finds that it is NOT appropriate to delegate to the Division of Adult Probation and Parole in the Department of Correction the authority to impose any of the requirements in G.S. 15A-1343.2(e) if the offender is sentenced to a community punishment, or G.S. 15A-1343.2(f) if the offender is sentenced to an intermediate punishment.
[] 3. The above period of probation shall begin when the defendant is released from incarceration in the case referred to below.
[] 4. The above period of probation shall begin at the expiration of the sentence in the case referred to below.

(NOTE: List file number, date, county and court in which prior sentence imposed.)

Table with columns: File Number, Offense, County, Court, Date

[] 5. The defendant shall comply with the conditions set forth in file number

MONETARY CONDITIONS

The defendant shall pay to the Clerk of Superior Court the "Total Amount Due" shown below, plus the probation supervision fee, pursuant to a schedule [] determined by the probation officer. [] set out by the court as follows:

Table with columns: Costs, Fine, Restitution*, Attorney's Fee, Community Service Fee, Total Amount Due
Row 1: \$ 115.00, \$, \$, \$, \$ 100.00, \$ 215.00

*See attached "Restitution Worksheet, Notice And Order (Initial Sentencing)" AOC-CR-611, which is incorporated by reference.

- [] All payments received by the Clerk shall be distributed pro rata among the persons entitled to restitution in this priority: first among all G.S. 7A-304(d) priorities [] and before payment of community service and probation supervision fees.
[X] Upon payment of the "Total Amount Due", the probation officer may transfer the defendant to unsupervised probation.

AOC-CR-603, Rev. 2/2000

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Material opposite unmarked squares is to be disregarded as surplusage. (Over)

REGULAR CONDITIONS OF PROBATION - G.S. 15A-1343(b)

The defendant shall: (1) Commit no criminal offense in any jurisdiction. (2) Possess no firearm, explosive device or other deadly weapon listed in G.S. 14-269. (3) Remain gainfully and suitably employed or faithfully pursue a course of study or vocational training, that will equip the defendant for suitable employment, and abide by all rules of the institution. (4) Satisfy child support and family obligations, as required by the Court. If the defendant is on supervised probation, the defendant shall also: (5) Remain within the jurisdiction of the Court unless granted written permission to leave by the Court or the probation officer. (6) Report as directed by the Court or the probation officer to the officer at reasonable times and places and in a reasonable manner, permit the officer to visit at reasonable times, answer all reasonable inquiries by the officer and obtain prior approval from the officer for, and notify the officer of, any change in address or employment. (7) Notify the probation officer if the defendant fails to obtain or retain satisfactory employment. (8) At a time to be designated by the probation officer, visit with the probation officer a facility maintained by the Division of Prisons. If the defendant is to serve an active sentence as a condition of special probation, the defendant shall also: (9) Obey the rules and regulations of the Department of Correction governing the conduct of inmates while imprisoned. (10) Report to a probation officer in the State of North Carolina within seventy-two (72) hours of the defendant's discharge from the active term of imprisonment.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF PROBATION - G.S. 15A-1343(b1), 143B-262(c)

The defendant shall also comply with the following special conditions which the Court finds are reasonably related to the defendant's rehabilitation:

- 11. Surrender the defendant's drivers license to the Clerk of Superior Court for transmittal/notification to the Division of Motor Vehicles and not operate a motor vehicle for a period of _____ or until relicensed by the Division of Motor Vehicles, whichever is later.
- 12. Submit at reasonable times to warrantless searches by a probation officer of the defendant's person, and of the defendant's vehicle and premises while the defendant is present, for the following purposes which are reasonably related to the defendant's probation supervision:
 - stolen goods
 - controlled substances
 - contraband
 - _____
- 13. Not use, possess or control any illegal drug or controlled substance unless it has been prescribed for the defendant by a licensed physician and is in the original container with the prescription number affixed on it; not knowingly associate with any known or previously convicted users, possessors or sellers of any illegal drugs or controlled substances; and not knowingly be present at or frequent any place where illegal drugs or controlled substances are sold, kept or used.
- 14. Supply a breath, urine and/or blood specimen for analysis of the possible presence of a prohibited drug or alcohol, when instructed by the defendant's probation officer.
- 15. Successfully pass the General Education Development Test (G.E.D.) during the first _____ months of the period of probation.
- 16. Complete 150 hours of community or reparation service during the first 365 days of the period of probation, as directed by the community service coordinator and pay the fee prescribed by G.S. 143B-475.1(b). pursuant to the schedule set out under monetary conditions above. within _____ days of this Judgment and before beginning service.
- 17. Report for initial evaluation by _____, participate in all further evaluation, counseling, treatment or education programs recommended as a result of that evaluation, and comply with all other therapeutic requirements of those programs until discharged.
- 18. Not assault, communicate with, be in the presence of, or be found in or on the premises of _____.
- 19. Other:

THE DEFENDANT SHALL ABIDE BY REGULAR TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF PROBATION. UPON COMPLIANCE WITH MONETARY AND OTHER PROBATION CONDITIONS, THE DEFENDANT MAY BE TRANSFERRED TO UNSUPERVISED PROBATION. SEE OTHER SPECIAL CONDITIONS ATTACHED.

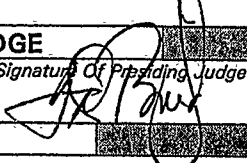
- 20. Comply with the Special Conditions Of Probation - Intermediate Punishments - Contempt which are set forth on AOC-CR-603, Page Two.

A hearing was held in open court in the presence of the defendant at which time a fee, including expenses, was awarded the defendant's appointed counsel or assigned public defender.

ORDER OF COMMITMENT/APEAL ENTRIES

- 1. It is ORDERED that the Clerk deliver two certified copies of this Judgment and Commitment to the sheriff or other qualified officer and that the officer cause the defendant to be delivered with these copies to the custody of the agency named on the reverse to serve the sentence imposed or until the defendant shall have complied with the conditions of release pending appeal.
- 2. The defendant gives notice of appeal from the judgment of the Superior Court to the Appellate Division. Appeal entries and any conditions of post conviction release are set forth in form AOC-CR-350.

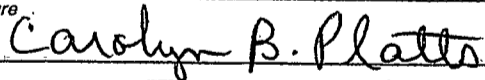
SIGNATURE OF JUDGE

Date	Name Of Presiding Judge (Type Or Print)	Signature Of Presiding Judge
10-23-2001	FORREST D. BRIDGES	

CERTIFICATION

I certify that this Judgment and the attachment(s) marked below is a true and complete copy of the original which is on file in this case.

- 1. Appellate Entries (AOC-CR-350)
- 2. Judgment Suspending Sentence, Page Two [Special Conditions Of Probation - Intermediate Punishments - Contempt (AOC-CR-603, Page Two)]
- 3. Felony Judgment Findings Of Aggravating And Mitigating Factors (AOC-CR-605)
- 4. Extraordinary Mitigation Findings (AOC-CR-606)
- 5. Restitution Worksheet, Notice And Order [Initial Sentencing] (AOC-CR-611)

Date Of Certification	Signature	SEAL
10-24-2001		
Date Certified Copies Delivered To Sheriff	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Deputy CSC <input type="checkbox"/> Assistant CSC <input type="checkbox"/> Superior Clerk of Court	

Name Of Defendant

SHARON D. JUMPER

INTERMEDIATE PUNISHMENTS - CONTEMPT

NOTE: Use this page in conjunction with AOC-CR-603, "Judgment Suspending Sentence - Felony"; or AOC-CR-604, "Judgment Suspending Sentence - Misdemeanor(s)"; or AOC-CR-609, "Order On Violation Of Probation Or On Motion To Modify."

In addition to complying with the regular and any special conditions of probation set forth in the "Judgment Suspending Sentence" entered in the above case(s), the defendant shall also comply with the following special conditions of probation and conditions of special probation, which are defined as intermediate punishments by G.S. 15A-1340.11(6).

1. **Special Probation - G.S. 15A-1351** **Contempt - G.S. 15A-1344(e1) and 5A-11(a)**
- A. Serve an active term of _____ days months hours in the custody of N.C. DOC. Sheriff of this County.
- B. The defendant shall report in a sober condition to begin serving his/her term on:
- | | | | | | | | | |
|-----|------|------|--|------------------------------------|-----|------|------|--|
| Day | Date | Hour | <input type="checkbox"/> AM
<input type="checkbox"/> PM | and shall remain in custody until: | Day | Date | Hour | <input type="checkbox"/> AM
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- C. The defendant shall again report in a sober condition to continue serving this term on the same day of the week for the next _____ consecutive weeks, and shall remain in custody during the same hours each week until completion of the active sentence ordered.
- D. This sentence shall be served at the direction of the probation officer within days months of this judgment.
- E. Pay jail fees.
- F. Work release is recommended.
- G. A DOC substance abuse treatment unit is recommended. G.S. 15A-1351(h).
- H. Other:
2. **Residential Program - G.S. 15A-1340.11(8); 15A-1343(b1)(2); 15A-1343(b1)(2a); 15A-1343.1**
- A. Attend or reside in _____ (name program) residential program for a period of _____ days, months, and abide by all rules and after care regulations of that program.
- B. **IMPACT** - Submit to a period of residential treatment in the Intensive Motivational Program Of Alternative Correction Treatment (IMPACT) on the date and place specified to a facility for a minimum of 90 days or a maximum of 120 days from that date, and abide by all rules and regulations of the program. If the defendant is not certified to be medically fit for program participation or for any other reason is not ordered to submit to imprisonment as provided above, then the defendant shall reappear before the court as directed by the probation officer for a hearing to determine what modifications, if any, should be made to this judgment.
- C. Other:
3. **House Arrest With Electronic Monitoring - G.S. 15A-1340.11(4a); 15A-1343(b1)(3c)**
- Be assigned to house arrest with electronic monitoring for a period of _____ days months, and submit to electronic monitoring and abide by all rules, regulations and directions of the probation officer, regarding electronic monitoring.
- Other:
4. **Intensive Supervision Program - G.S. 15A-1340.11(5); 15A-1343(b1)(3b); 143B-262(c)**
- Submit to supervision by officers assigned to the Intensive Probation Program established pursuant to G.S. 143B-262(c), for a period of _____ months, (6 to 9 months recommended by the Division of Community Corrections), and comply with the rules adopted by that program.
- Other:
5. **Day-Reporting Center - G.S. 15A-1340.11(3); 15A-1343(B1)(10); 15A-1340.11(6)**
- Report as directed by the probation officer to the Day Reporting Center for a period of _____ days, months, and abide by all rules and regulations of that program.
- Other:

SPECIAL CONDITIONS FOR SEX OFFENDERS - G.S. 15A-13443(b2)

NOTE: *The following are not defined as intermediate punishments under G.S. 15A-1340.11(6).*

6. Special Conditions For Sex Offenders, etc. - G.S. 15A-1343(b2)

The defendant has been convicted of an offense which is a reportable conviction as defined in G.S. 14-208.6(4), or which involves the physical, mental, or sexual abuse of a minor, and must:

1. Register as required by G.S. 14-208.7 if the offense is a reportable conviction as defined by G.S. 14-208.6(4).
2. Participate in such evaluation and treatment as is necessary to complete a prescribed course of psychiatric, psychological, or other rehabilitative treatment as ordered by the court.
3. Not communicate with, be in the presence of, or found in or on the premises of the victim of the offense.
4. Not reside in a household with any minor because there is evidence of sexual abuse of a minor child in this offense.
5. Not live in a household with any minor child other than the child(ren) named below, because there is evidence of physical or mental abuse of a minor child in this offense, but the court expressly finds that it is unlikely that the defendant's harmful or abusive conduct will recur and that it would be in the best interests of the named child(ren) to live in the same household as the defendant. *(Name minor child(ren) with whom the defendant may live in the same household.)*

6. Other:

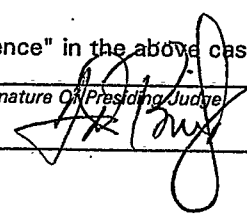
OTHER SPECIAL CONDITIONS

7. Other Special Conditions:

THAT THE DEFENDANT SURRENDER TO THE NC STATE BAR ON OR BEFORE 11-15-01, HER LICENSE CERTIFICATE AND MEMBERSHIP CARD AND THAT SHE SHALL NOT PRACTICE LAW IN NC , UNLESS AND UNTIL HER LICENSE IS RESTORED BY THE NC STATE BAR. THAT PERIOD OF SUSENSION TO BE NO LESS THAT 90 DAYS, SIBJECT TO SUCH OTHER FURTHER ORDERS AS MAY BE ENTERED BY THE STATE BAR. PRIOR TO RESUMING PRACTICE AS AN ATTORNEY, THE DEFENDANT SHALL PARTICIATE IN AND SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETE ANY COURSE OF LAW OFFICE MANAGEMEN, PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT, PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTING OR BOOKKEEPING, AS MAY BE DIRECTED OR RECOMMENDED BY THE NC STATE BAR. THE DEFENDANT SHALL IMPLEMENT SUCH SYSTEMS AS MAY BE DIRECTED BY THE STATE BAR FOR LAW OFFICE MANAGEMENT, BOOKKEEPING AND ACCOUNTING IN CONNECTION WITH HER PRACTICE OF LAW.

BY SEPARATE ORDER ISSUED THIS DATE, THIS MATTER IF TRANSFERRED TO THE NC STATE BAR FOR DISCIPLINARY ACTION AS THEY DREM NECESSARY.

The above conditions are incorporated in the "Judgment Suspending Sentence" in the above case(s) and made a part thereof.

Date 10-23-2001	Name Of Presiding Judge (Type Or Print) FORREST D. BRIDGES	Signature Of Presiding Judge 
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