

Based upon the foregoing Findings of Fact the undersigned makes the following

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

5. The crimes of which Defendant was convicted are criminal offenses showing professional unfitness as defined in 27 N.C.A.C. 1B, §.0103 (17).

6. 27 N.C.A.C. 1B §.0115 provides that the Chair may enter an order suspending the member from practicing law pending disposition of disciplinary proceedings before the Disciplinary Hearing Commission based on the conviction of a criminal offense showing professional unfitness.

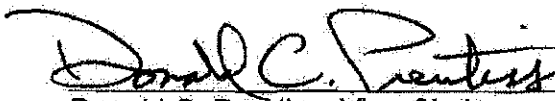
7. It is unknown at this time whether professional discipline will ultimately be imposed in this case. Possible disciplines the Disciplinary Hearing Commission is empowered to impose in any case include suspension and disbarment. If the DHC ultimately should impose any period of suspension or should impose disbarment in this case, Defendant will receive credit equal to the amount of time he has been suspended under this interim suspension toward service of any period of disciplinary suspension or disbarment that might be imposed.

Based upon the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the undersigned Vice Chair of the Disciplinary Hearing Commission enters the following

ORDER

The license to practice law in North Carolina of Fletcher L. Hartsell, Jr. is hereby **SUSPENDED** until the conclusion of all disciplinary proceedings before the North Carolina State Bar relating to Defendant's felony convictions in the Middle District of North Carolina and the conduct underlying such conviction.


This the 16 day of March, 2017.


Donald C. Prentiss, Vice Chair
Disciplinary Hearing Commission

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