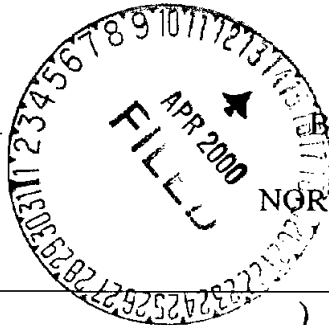


NORTH CAROLINA  
WAKE COUNTY



BEFORE THE COUNCIL  
OF THE  
NORTH CAROLINA STATE BAR  
00 BCS 6

IN THE MATTER OF THE TENDER )  
OF SURRENDER OF LICENSE )  
OF CATRINA H. MERCER )

ORDER OF DISBARMENT

THIS MATTER coming on to be heard and being heard by the Council of the North Carolina State Bar pursuant to 27 N.C. Admin. Code Chapter 1, Subchapter B, § .0117(a) of the State Bar Discipline & Disability Rules upon an affidavit of tender of surrender of license executed by Catrina Mercer in April, 2000, and filed in the offices of the North Carolina State Bar on April 12, 2000.

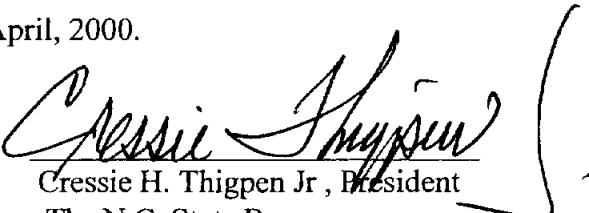
Based upon the affidavit, the Council finds that Catrina Mercer's conduct of neglecting numerous client matters, failing to act with reasonable diligence and promptness in handling numerous client matters, failing to keep clients reasonably informed about the status of their matters, failing to appear in court when client's matters were scheduled for hearings, and accepting fees for handling client matters and then not completing the matters or returning the fees is grounds for discipline pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 84-28(b)(2) in that Catrina Mercer violated Rules 1.3, 1.4 and 1.5 of the North Carolina Revised Rules of Professional Conduct.

WHEREFORE, upon Motion made and duly seconded, the Council enters the following Order:

1. The tender of surrender of license of Catrina Mercer is hereby accepted.
2. Catrina Mercer is hereby is DISBARRED from the practice of law in North Carolina.
3. Catrina Mercer shall comply with the provisions of 27 N.C.A.C. Chapter 1, Subchapter B, § .0124 of the State Bar Discipline & Disbarment Rules and shall surrender her license and permanent membership card to the Secretary of the North Carolina State Bar along with the affidavit required by § .0124 of the State Bar Discipline & Disbarment Rules.

4. The costs of this action are taxed against Catrina Mercer.

Done and ordered this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2000.

  
Cressie H. Thigpen Jr , President  
The N.C. State Bar

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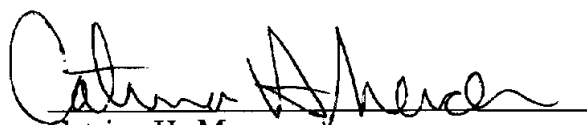
AFFIDAVIT OF TENDER

I, Catrina H. Mercer, being duly sworn, depose and say:

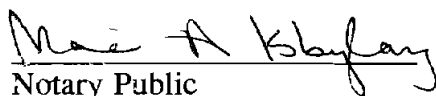
1. I, Catrina H. Mercer, hereby tender my license and desire to resign from The North Carolina State Bar. This resignation is freely and voluntarily rendered, is not the result of coercion or duress, and I am fully aware of the implications of submitting this resignation.
2. I understand that the State Bar Council will consider this affidavit of surrender at its meeting on April 14, 2000, and I waive any further notice.
3. I am aware of a pending investigation or other proceedings regarding allegations that I neglected numerous client matters, that I failed to act with reasonable diligence and promptness in handling numerous client matters, that I failed to keep the clients reasonably informed about the status of their matters, that I failed to appear in court on a number of occasions when the clients' matters were scheduled for hearings, and that I accepted fees for handling client matters and then did not complete the matters or return the fees.
4. I acknowledge that the material facts upon which the grievance is predicated are true.
5. I am submitting this resignation because I know that if charges were predicated upon the misconduct under investigation, I could not successfully defend against them.

Further affiant sayeth not.

This \_\_\_ day of April, 2000

  
Catrina H. Mercer

Sworn to and subscribed before me  
this 11<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2000.

  
Notary Public

My Commission expires: 5-30-2001

North Carolina  
Wake County

I, Carol L. Weber, a notary public of Wake County, North Carolina, certify that Clayton W. Davidson III personally appeared before me this day, and being duly sworn, stated that he knows the handwriting of Catrina Mercer and that the signature to the foregoing instrument is the signature of Catrina Mercer.

Witness my hand and official seal, this the 13 day of April, 2000.

Carol L. Weber  
Notary Public

My commission expires February 24, 2005.

