STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA WAKE COUNTY	IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION FILE NOS. 22CR302428, 23CR413256, 23CR413254, 24CR288620-910
In re: ANDREW NICHOLAS CLIFFORD, ATTORNEY AT LAW	ORDER OF DISBARMENT

THIS MATTER came before the undersigned Judge of the Superior Court of Wake County upon the tender of surrender of the law license of Andrew N. Clifford. Clifford was represented by Hart Miles.

Based upon the Affidavit of Surrender of Law License submitted to the Court by Andrew N. Clifford, the Court makes the following:

FINDINGS OF FACTS

1. Clifford was licensed to practice law in December 2010.

2. During all periods relevant hereto, Clifford was a licensed attorney subject to the North Carolina Rules of Professional Conduct.

3. On 7 May 2024, Clifford pleaded guilty in the Superior Court of Wake County to the following criminal offenses:

   a. 24CR288620-910 – PWISD Cocaine;

   b. 23CR413254 – PWISD Schedule II;

   c. 23CR413254 – PWISD Schedule IV;

   d. 23CR413256 – Felon in possession of a firearm; and

   e. 22CR302428 – Possession of cocaine.

4. Clifford is in fact guilty of the criminal offenses to which he pled guilty.

Based upon the foregoing Findings of Fact, the Court makes the following:

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The court has jurisdiction over Clifford and over the subject matter of this proceeding.

2. The courts of this State have the inherent authority to take disciplinary action against attorneys licensed to practice law in North Carolina.

3. By engaging in the criminal offenses referenced above, Clifford committed criminal acts reflecting adversely on his honesty, trustworthiness, or fitness as a lawyer in violation of North Carolina Rule of Professional Conduct 8.4(b).

4. Clifford's misconduct constitutes grounds for discipline pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 84-28(b)(2).

5. Clifford's professional misconduct warrants disbarment.

IT IS NOW, THEREFORE, ORDERED:

1. The surrender of the license of Andrew N. Clifford is hereby accepted.

2. Andrew N. Clifford is DISBARRED from the practice of law in North Carolina, effective upon entry of this order.

3. Clifford shall comply with State Bar Discipline and Disability Rule .0128 (27 N.C. Admin. Code 1B § .0128) and shall surrender his law license and permanent membership card to the Secretary of the North Carolina State Bar along with the affidavit required by Rule .0128.

4. Clifford shall not petition for reinstatement of his law license until the expiration of at least five years from the date of entry of this order.

5. Clifford's law license shall not be reinstated unless and until he has demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Disciplinary Hearing Commission and the Counsel of the North Carolina State Bar that he has complied with State Bar Discipline and Disability Rule .0128 and .0129 (27 N.C. Admin. Code 1B §§ .0128 & .0129(a)).

6. The Clerk of Superior Court of Wake County shall certify a copy of this Order to the North Carolina State Bar.

This is the 7th day of May, 2024.

Superior Court Judge Presiding

G. Bryan Collins, Jr.

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Andrew N. Clifford, being first duly sworn, deposes and says as follows:

1. I desire to surrender and hereby tender my license to practice law in North Carolina.

2. My surrender is freely and voluntarily rendered. It is not the result of coercion or duress. I am fully aware of the implication of submitting my surrender.

3. I am aware that there is a pending investigation by the State Bar regarding allegations that I committed each of the following criminal offenses:

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4. I will plead guilty to these offenses in Wake County Superior Court on 7 May 2024. I acknowledge that the material facts upon which the investigation is predicated are true.

5. I am submitting my resignation because I know that if disciplinary charges were predicated upon my convictions and/or my conduct, I could not successfully defend against them.

This the 7th day of May, 2024.

Andrew N. Clifford

I, G. Bryan Collins, Jr. Superior Court Judge ~~Notary Public of the County~~ of _____, State of North Carolina, certify that Andrew N. Clifford personally appeared before me this day, was sworn, attested that the foregoing Affidavit is true and accurate of his own personal knowledge, and executed the foregoing Affidavit.

Sworn and subscribed before me, this the 7th day of May, 2024.

~~Notary Public~~ Superior Court Judge

(print name) Bryan Collins

~~My commission expires:~~ _____