

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
WAKE COUNTY

IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE
SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION
FILE NO.: 12 CVS 015877

THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BAR,
Petitioner
v.
JAMES A. CROUCH, Attorney,
Respondent

CONSENT ORDER
OF DISBARMENT

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WAKE COUNTY, C.S.C.

THIS MATTER came on for consideration by the undersigned Judge of the Superior Court of Wake County. Petitioner, the North Carolina State Bar, was represented by Katherine E. Jean and Barry S. McNeill. Respondent, James A. Crouch was represented by Alan M. Schneider.

Based upon the Affidavit of Surrender of Law License submitted to the court by Respondent, James A. Crouch (hereinafter "Crouch") and upon the consent of the parties, the court makes the following:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On November 13, 2012 Crouch tendered a plea of guilty in Wake County Superior Court to one felony count of altering documents, two felony counts of obstruction of justice and one felony count of conspiracy to obstruct justice.

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

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. By pleading guilty and being convicted of the felony offenses referred to herein, Crouch violated N.C.G.S. 84-28(b)(1) and Rule 8.4(b) of the Rules of Professional Conduct.

IT IS NOW, THEREFORE, **ORDERED**:

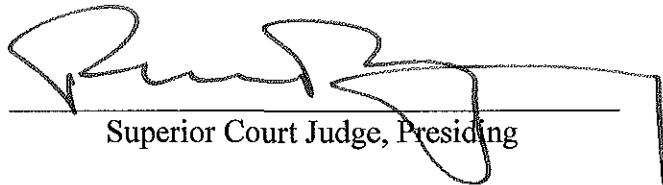
1. James A. Crouch is **DISBARRED** from the practice of law in North Carolina.

2. This Order of Disbarment is effective immediately.

3. Within ten days of the date of this Order, Crouch shall comply with the provisions of 27 N.C. Admin. Code, Chapter 1, Subchapter B, Section .0124 of the Rules and Regulations of the North Carolina State Bar and shall surrender his license and permanent membership card to the Secretary of the North Carolina State Bar along with the affidavit required by Section .0124(a), (b), (d) and (e).


4. The costs of this action are taxed against Crouch.

Done and Ordered this 13th day of November, 2012.



Superior Court Judge, Presiding

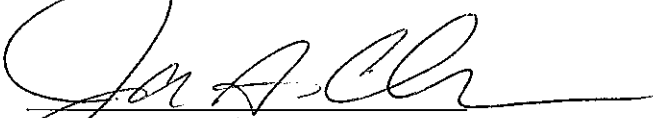
CONSENTED TO BY:




Katherine E. Jean
Attorney for Petitioner



Barry S. McNeill
Attorney for Petitioner



James A. Crouch
Respondent



Alan M. Schneider
Attorney for Respondent

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James A. Crouch, being first duly sworn, deposes and says as follows:

1. I desire to resign and hereby tender my license to practice law in North Carolina pursuant to the provisions of 27 N.C. Admin. Code Chapter 1, Subchapter B, Section .0117 of the N.C. State Bar Discipline & Disability Rules.

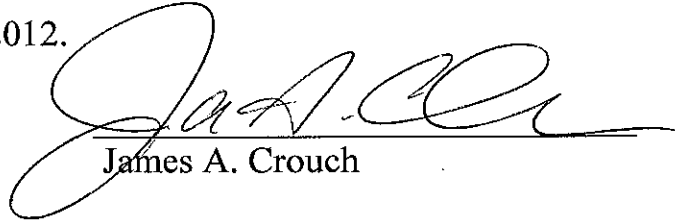
2. My resignation is freely and voluntarily rendered. It is not the result of coercion or duress. I am fully aware of the implication of submitting my resignation.

3. I am aware that there is pending an investigation arising out of the following: On November 13, 2012 I tendered a plea of guilty in Wake County Superior Court to one felony count of altering documents, two felony counts of obstruction of justice and one felony count of conspiracy to obstruct justice.

4. I acknowledge that the material facts upon which my guilty plea was based are true.

5. I am submitting my resignation because I know that if disciplinary charges were predicated upon my guilty plea, I could not successfully defend against them.

This the 13th day of November 2012.


James A. Crouch

I, Maura R. Bitzenhofer, Notary Public of the County of Wake, State of North Carolina, certify that James A. Crouch 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.

This the 13th day of November, 2012.

Maura R. Bitzenhofer
Notary Public My Commission Expires: 10-1-14

