

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
WAKE COUNTY

BEFORE THE
DISCIPLINARY HEARING COMMISSION
OF THE
NORTH CAROLINA STATE BAR
15 RD 1; 14 D 1

IN RE: STEPHEN L. SNYDER, Attorney

CONSENT ORDER
RESTORING MEMBER TO
ACTIVE STATUS

THIS MATTER was considered by a hearing panel of the Disciplinary Hearing Commission composed of Fred M. Morelock, Chair, Donald C. Prentiss, and Michael S. Edwards, on petition filed 17 November 2015 by Stephen L. Snyder requesting his reinstatement to active status with the North Carolina State Bar. Brian P.D. Oten represented the North Carolina State Bar. Stephen L. Snyder represented himself. Based upon the information presented and with the consent of the parties, the Hearing Panel hereby makes by clear, cogent, and convincing evidence the following

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The North Carolina State Bar ("State Bar") is a body duly organized under the laws of North Carolina and is the proper party to bring this proceeding under the authority granted it in Chapter 84 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, and the rules and regulations of the North Carolina State Bar promulgated thereunder.
2. Stephen L. Snyder ("Snyder"), was admitted to the North Carolina State Bar on 18 September 1992 and is, and was at all times referred to herein, an attorney at law licensed to practice in North Carolina, subject to the rules, regulations and Rules of Professional Conduct of the North Carolina State Bar and the laws of the State of North Carolina.
3. By consent order dated 27 March 2014, Snyder was transferred to disability inactive status with the North Carolina State Bar due to Snyder's severe vertigo which, at the time, significantly impaired his professional performance, judgment, and competence as an attorney.
4. Between March 2014 and the present, Snyder made significant lifestyle changes to improve his health and, as a result, resolve his vertigo. Snyder has not experienced an episode of vertigo since March 2015.
5. Snyder's treating neurologist states that Snyder's severe vertigo has been completely resolved. Snyder's treating general medical provider also confirms Snyder's mental and physical health has significantly improved. Both agree that Snyder is fit to return to the practice of law without restriction.
6. The State Bar does not have evidence contrary to the opinions of Snyder's treating physicians.

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact and with the consent of the parties, the Hearing Panel makes the following

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. This hearing panel has jurisdiction over the parties and the subject matter.
2. Snyder has provided clear, cogent, and convincing evidence that he is no longer disabled as defined by 27 N.C. Admin. Code 1B § .0103(19), and therefore has satisfied all of the conditions of 27 N.C. Admin. Code 1B § .0125(c)(3) to be eligible to return to active status.

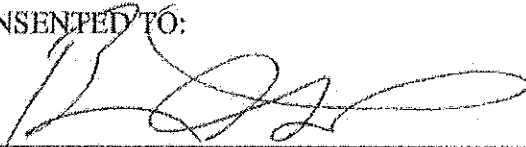
THEREFORE, the Hearing Panel GRANTS Snyder's Petition for Reinstatement to Active Status. This Order and Snyder's transfer to active status with the North Carolina State Bar shall be effective upon filing.

Signed by the Chair with the consent of the other hearing panel members, this the 25th day of February, 2016.

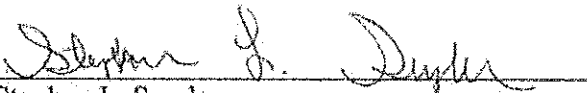


Fred M. Morelock, Chair
Disciplinary Hearing Panel

CONSENTED TO:



Brian P.D. Oten, Deputy Counsel
Attorney for the North Carolina State Bar



Stephen L. Snyder
Petitioner