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BEFORE THE  
GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE  
OF THE  
NORTH CAROLINA STATE BAR  
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THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BAR,  
Petitioner

v.

RUSSELL F. CRUMP, Attorney,  
Respondent

ORDER OF  
RECIPROCAL DISCIPLINE

Pursuant to the authority vested in me as Chairperson of the Grievance Committee of the North Carolina State Bar by 27 N.C. Admin. Code Chapter 1, Subchapter B, Rules .0105(a)(12) and .0116(b)(4) of the North Carolina State Bar Discipline & Disability Rules, and based upon the record in this matter, the undersigned finds as follows:

1. On September 28, 2011, Russell Flint Crump (hereinafter "Crump") tendered a plea of nolo contendere in the Circuit Court of the Eighth Judicial Circuit of Florida to one count of child abuse, a 3<sup>rd</sup> degree felony. Defendant's plea was accepted by the court and Crump was sentenced to community control for 90 days followed by 364 days in the Alachua County Jail, to be followed by 48 months probation.

2. As a result of Crump's felony conviction for child abuse, on November 28, 2011, the Disciplinary Hearing Commission of the North Carolina State Bar entered a consent order suspending Crump from the practice of law in North Carolina pending disciplinary proceedings before the North Carolina State Bar.

3. As a result of Crump's felony conviction for child abuse, the Florida State Bar initiated disciplinary proceedings against Crump and Crump was tried before a Referee.

4. On 23 January 2012, the Referee issued a report concluding that Crump violated Rule 4-8.4(b) of the Rules Regulating The Florida Bar by committing a criminal act that reflects adversely on the lawyer's honesty, trustworthiness, or fitness as a lawyer in other respects, and recommending that Crump be disbarred.

5. By order dated April 19, 2012 the Supreme Court of Florida entered an order approving the report of the Referee and disbaring Crump. A certified copy of the disbarment order is attached hereto and incorporated by reference.

6. On May 21, 2012, Crump was served by certified mail with the North Carolina State Bar's Notice of Reciprocal Discipline Proceeding.

7. More than 30 days have elapsed since Crump was served with the Notice of Reciprocal Discipline Proceeding and Crump has failed to show cause that imposition of the identical discipline would be unwarranted.

BASED UPON THE FOREGOING FINDINGS, the Chairperson of the Grievance Committee makes the following CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:

1. The North Carolina State Bar has jurisdiction over the subject matter of this proceeding and over the person of Russell F. Crump.

2. The procedure for imposition of reciprocal discipline pursuant to 27 N.C. Admin. Code Chapter 1, Subchapter B, Rule .0116 of the North Carolina State Bar Discipline & Disability Rules has been complied with.

3. Crump's misconduct as found by the Supreme Court of Florida constitutes conduct in violation of N.C. Gen. Stat. 84-24(b)(1) and Rule 8.4(b) of the North Carolina State Bar Rules of Professional Conduct and justifies the imposition of reciprocal discipline in this state.

4. The equivalent discipline imposed by the Supreme Court of Florida should be imposed on Crump's right to practice law in the State of North Carolina. The equivalent discipline in North Carolina to that imposed by the Supreme Court of Florida is disbarment.

THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. Russell F. Crump is hereby DISBARRED from the practice of law in North Carolina.

2. Crump shall forthwith surrender his license certificate and membership card to the Secretary of the North Carolina State Bar.

3. Crump is hereby taxed with the costs of this proceeding as assessed by the Secretary.

4. Respondent shall comply with the wind down provisions of 27 N.C. Admin. Code Chapter 1, Subchapter B, Rule .0124 of the North Carolina State Bar Discipline & Disability Rules.

This the 12<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2012.



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Margaret M. Hunt, Chair  
Grievance Committee

# Supreme Court of Florida **COPY**

THURSDAY, APRIL 19, 2012

CASE NO.: SC11-1988

Lower Tribunal No(s): 2012-00,231(8B)NFC

THE FLORIDA BAR

vs. RUSSELL FLINT CRUMP

Complainant(s)

Respondent(s)

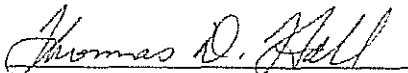
The uncontested report of the referee is approved and respondent is disbarred. Respondent is currently suspended; therefore this disbarment is effective immediately. Respondent shall fully comply with Rule Regulating the Florida Bar 3-5.1(g).

Judgment is entered for The Florida Bar, 651 East Jefferson Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2300, for recovery of costs from Russell Flint Crump in the amount of \$2,459.16, for which sum let execution issue.

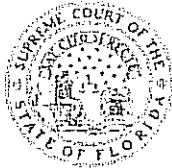
Not final until time expires to file motion for rehearing, and if filed, determined. The filing of a motion for rehearing shall not alter the effective date of this disbarment.

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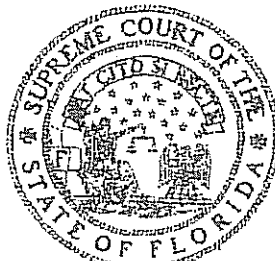
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Supreme Court of Florida

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