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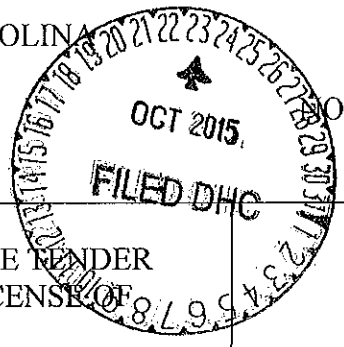


BEFORE THE COUNCIL
OF THE
NORTH CAROLINA STATE BAR
15 BCS 6

IN THE MATTER OF THE TENDER
OF SURRENDER OF LICENSE OF

L. J. BLACKWOOD II

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 tender of an affidavit of surrender of license executed by L. J. Blackwood II ("Blackwood") on October 20, 2015 and filed in the offices of the North Carolina State Bar on October 21, 2015.

Based upon the affidavit, the Council finds that L. J. Blackwood misappropriated fiduciary funds in violation of Rules 8.4(b) and 8.4(c) of the Rules of Professional Conduct. L. J. Blackwood's conduct is grounds for discipline pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 84-28(b)(2).

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

1. The tender of surrender of license of L. J. Blackwood II is hereby accepted.

2. L. J. Blackwood II is hereby DISBARRED from the practice of law in North Carolina.

3. Blackwood shall comply with the provisions of 27 N.C. Admin. Code, Chapter 1, Subchapter B, § .0124 of the State Bar Discipline & Disability Rules. Blackwood shall surrender his 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 & Disability Rules within ten days after the expiration of the wind-down period provided under § .0117(e).

4. The administrative fees and costs of this action are taxed against Blackwood.

5. Blackwood shall comply with the reinstatement provisions of 27 N.C. Admin. Code, Chapter 1, Subchapter B, § .0125 and as a condition

precedent to reinstatement shall reimburse all misappropriated fiduciary funds in the amounts and to the recipients determined by the Disciplinary Hearing Commission upon consideration of his petition for reinstatement.

6. Within 15 days of the effective date of this Order Blackwood shall provide the State Bar with an address and telephone number at which clients seeking return of files can communicate with Blackwood and obtain such files.

7. Blackwood shall promptly return client files in his possession, custody, or control to clients upon request, within 5 days of receipt of such request.

8. Blackwood will be deemed to have received any such request 3 days after the date such request is sent to Blackwood if the request is sent to the address Blackwood provided the State Bar pursuant to the preceding paragraph.

Done and ordered this 23rd day of October, 2015.

Ronald L. Gibson, President
North Carolina State Bar

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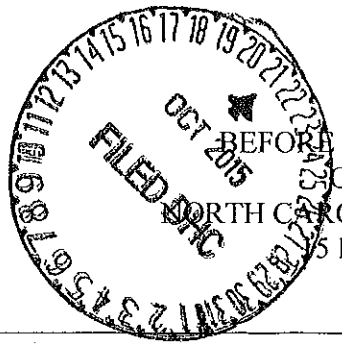


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TO THE COUNCIL OF THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BAR:

L. J. Blackwood II, 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, and is not the result of coercion or duress. I am fully aware of the implications of submitting my resignation.

3. I am aware that there is a pending investigation by the State Bar regarding allegations that I misappropriated at least $87,938.38 of entrusted client funds.

4. 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 the misconduct under investigation, I could not successfully defend against them.

This is the 20 day of October, 2015.

L. J. Blackwood II

I, Candace M. Rice, Notary Public of the County of Guilford, State of North Carolina, certify that L. J. Blackwood II 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 20 day of October, 2015.

Candace M. Rice
Notary Public

My commission expires: May 27, 2018

