

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
BRUNSWICK COUNTY  
IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE  
SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION  
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BRUNSWICK COUNTY, D.S.C.

IN RE: CHRISTIAN SCOTT MATHIS,  
Attorney  
BY MAC

CONSENT ORDER

THIS MATTER, coming on to be heard *sua sponte* before the undersigned Senior Resident Judge of Superior Court of Brunswick County, regarding Christian Scott Mathis, represented by undersigned counsel Bradley A. Coxe. Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 84-28(j) and this Court's inherent authority over attorneys, and based upon the information received by the Court and upon the consent of Mr. Mathis and his counsel, the Court makes the following:

#### FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Christian Scott Mathis ("Mathis"), was licensed to practice law in North Carolina on 8 September 2000 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.
2. During the periods relevant hereto, Mathis was engaged in the practice of law in Brunswick County, North Carolina.
3. The Court has become aware of possible acts and omissions by Mathis that if proven true would constitute serious violations of the Rules of Professional Conduct of the North Carolina State Bar.
4. The Court is aware that there is presently pending an investigation with the North Carolina State Bar regarding these possible acts and omissions by Mathis.
5. Mathis desires to stop practicing law until the State Bar has concluded its investigation of his conduct.
6. Mathis has numerous closed files that are currently stored at 657 Lawshe Ct., Wilmington, NC 28412 and 9222 Beach Dr. SW #8, Calabash, NC 28467.

7. Mathis has 10–12 open case files, unrelated to any of the possible acts and omissions by Mathis constituting violations of the North Carolina Rules of Professional Conduct, that can be completed and closed within 14 days of the date of this order.

8. David Lee Wortman of The Wortman Law Firm, PLLC, 624 Village Road, Suite 1, Shallotte, NC 28470, is an attorney licensed to practice in North Carolina and a member in good standing with the North Carolina State Bar, and is able to handle the files of Mathis’s current and former clients.

Based upon the foregoing Findings of Fact and the consent of the parties, the Court makes the following

#### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. This Court has jurisdiction over this cause pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 84-28(j) and pursuant to its inherent authority over attorneys.

2. The possible acts and omissions engaged in by Mathis, if proven true would constitute professional misconduct warranting disbarment. Accordingly, in the interest of protecting clients and the public and pursuant to this Court's inherent authority over attorneys, Mathis should be prohibited from practicing law in North Carolina until further order of the Court.

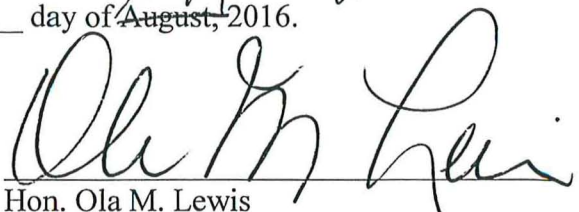
#### IT IS NOW, THEREFORE, ORDERED:

1. Christian Scott Mathis is SUSPENDED from the practice of law in North Carolina, said suspension being effective 14 days from the date of this order. To the extent not already completed, Mathis shall comply with the wind-down provisions set forth in 27 N.C. Admin. Code 1B § .0124.


2. Mathis shall not petition the Court for a lifting of this suspension until the investigation of the North Carolina State Bar is complete and any disciplinary action taken by the North Carolina State Bar has been completed.

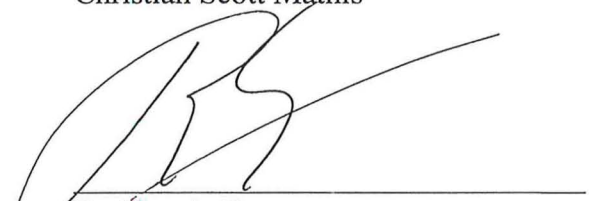
3. David Lee Wortman of The Wortman Law Firm, PLLC shall be appointed as Trustee of the law practice of Mathis by separate order of the Court. Mathis shall make available all closed and open files to The Wortman Law Firm on or before the effective date of this order. Mathis shall reimburse the State Bar for any expenses incurred in facilitating the wind-down of his practice.

Dated this 1 day of ~~August~~ <sup>September</sup>, 2016. *owl*

  
Hon. Ola M. Lewis  
Senior Resident Superior Court Judge

CONSENTED TO:

  
Christian Scott Mathis

  
Bradley A. Coxe  
*Attorney for Christian Scott Mathis*

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IN RE: CHRISTIAN SCOTT MATHIS ) ORDER APPOINTING TRUSTEE  
ATTORNEY AT LAW ) OF ATTORNEY'S LAW PRACTICE  
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THIS CAUSE coming before the Senior Resident Superior Court Judge of the 13B Judicial District, pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 84-28(j), for an order appointing a trustee of the law practice of Christian Scott Mathis due to his unavailability to his clients. The undersigned makes the following:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. According to the records of the North Carolina State Bar, Christian Scott Mathis was licensed to practice law on September 8, 2000.
2. According to the records of the North Carolina State Bar, the last address of record for Mr. Mathis is P.O. Box 4040, Calabash, North Carolina 28467.
3. Mr. Mathis has closed his law practice and is unavailable to his clients.
4. Mr. Mathis had no partners or associates capable of winding down his law practice and ensuring that the interests of his clients and/or former clients are protected.
5. David Lee Wortman, an attorney licensed to practice in North Carolina and a member in good standing, has indicated that she is willing to serve as trustee of the North Carolina law practice of Christian Scott Mathis for purposes of protecting the interests of Mr. Mathis's clients.
6. David Lee Wortman's address of record with the North Carolina State Bar is 624 Village Road, Suite 1, Shallotte, North Carolina 28740.

BASED UPON THE FOREGOING FINDINGS OF FACT, the undersigned makes the following:

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Court has jurisdiction of this cause pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 84-28(j).

2. Christian Scott Mathis is unavailable and has no partners or associates, necessitating the appointment of a member of the Bar as trustee of Mr. Mathis's law practice and to take such actions as are necessary to protect the interests of the clients and/or former clients of Mr. Mathis.

THE COURT THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:

1. David Lee Wortman ("Trustee"), an attorney licensed to practice in North Carolina and a member in good standing, is hereby appointed trustee of the law practice of Christian Scott Mathis.

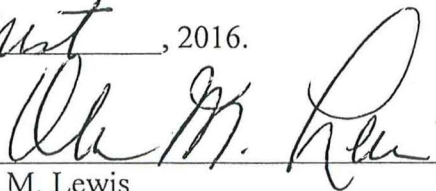
2. The Trustee is authorized to take such actions as are necessary to obtain possession of any known client files of Mr. Mathis and, to the extent it has not already been done, shall notify Mr. Mathis's clients of his unavailability and their need to obtain new counsel. The duties as Trustee shall include receiving calendar notices and moving for appropriate continuances in the various courts; returning files to Mr. Mathis's clients and/or former clients; obtaining all records related to Mr. Mathis's trust and/or fiduciary account(s); supervising the disbursement of funds from any trust and/or fiduciary accounts to the appropriate persons; and any other act necessary to wind down Mr. Mathis's practice and protect the interests of Mr. Mathis's clients until all known clients have secured other legal counsel, have chosen to pick up their files and have received all money held in trust for their benefit.

3. To the extent that it may become necessary, the Trustee is authorized to take such actions as are necessary to identify Mr. Mathis's trust and fiduciary accounts, as such accounts are defined in Rules 1.15-1 of the Rules of Professional Conduct, and to obtain possession of Mr. Mathis's trust account and fiduciary account records. The Trustee is authorized to execute new directives regarding signatory authority over such accounts and is authorized to receive records from the banks where any trust account or fiduciary account is held. The Trustee shall take such actions as are necessary to identify the ownership of any funds in such accounts so that the clients/beneficiaries may be reimbursed, or their funds forwarded as they may direct. The Trustee shall maintain adequate accounts of the funds held in Mr. Mathis's attorney trust or fiduciary accounts and shall account to the Court for approval annually or at the completion of the disbursement of the funds. The Trustee shall be discharged upon the completion of the Trustee's duties.

4. The Trustee shall notify North Carolina State Bar Deputy Counsel Brian P. D. Oten of any hearings relating to this matter.

5. This cause is retained for further orders of this Court.

This the 29 day of August, 2016.

  
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Ola M. Lewis  
Senior Resident Superior Court Judge  
13B Judicial District