

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE

WAKE COUNTY

SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION

2017 MAY 11 A FILE NO.: 15 M 004218

THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BAR, C.S.C.

Petitioner

v.

CONSENT ORDER
OF DISBARMENT

MARVIN R. SPARROW, Attorney,

Respondent

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 B. Jean. Respondent, Marvin R. Sparrow, was represented by Sean P. Devereux.

Based upon the Affidavit of Surrender of Law License submitted to the court by Respondent and upon the consent of the parties, the court makes the following:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Sparrow has entered into an agreement to enter a plea of guilty to three counts of assault on a female in violation of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 14-33(c)(2) in Buncombe County Superior Court.
2. In his Affidavit of Surrender of Law License, Sparrow acknowledged that in 2015, he touched three women who did not consent to be touched by him. He touched his client in a sexual manner in an attorney visitation room in the Rutherford County Jail. He touched a prospective client in his office. He touched the mother of his client in a sexual manner in a conference room in the Rutherford County Courthouse.
3. Sparrow has entered into an agreement to enter a plea of guilty to three counts of assault on a female in violation of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 14-33(c)(2) in Buncombe County Superior Court.

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

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

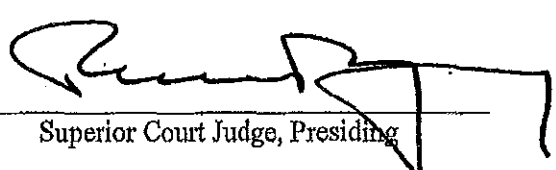
1. Pleading guilty to and being convicted of three misdemeanor counts of assault on a female is a violation of N.C.G.S. 84-28(b)(1) and Rule of Professional Conduct 8.4(b).
2. By assaulting a female client, a prospective female client and the mother of a client, Sparrow engaged in a conflict of interest in violation of Rule of Professional Conduct 1.7(a)(2), committed criminal acts that reflect adversely on his honesty, trustworthiness or fitness as a lawyer in other respects in violation of Rule of

Professional Conduct 8.4(b), and engaged in conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice in violation of Rule of Professional Conduct 8.4(d).

IT IS NOW, THEREFORE, ORDERED:

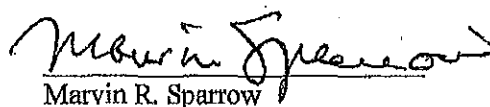
1. Marvin R. Sparrow is DISBARRED from the practice of law in North Carolina.
2. This Order of Disbarment is effective immediately.
3. Within ten days of the date of this Order, Sparrow shall comply with the provisions of 27 N.C. Admin. Code, Chapter 1, Subchapter B, Section .0124 of the Rules and Regulations 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 Sparrow.

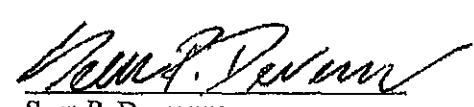
Done and Ordered this 11 day of May, 2017.


Superior Court Judge, Presiding

CONSENTED TO BY:

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Katherine E. Jean
Attorney for Petitioner


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Respondent


Sean P. Devereux
Attorney for Respondent

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AFFIDAVIT OF
SURRENDER OF
LAW LICENSE

Marvin R. Sparrow, 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. I have had the benefit of legal counsel in deciding to surrender my law license and consent to disbarment.
3. I am aware that there is pending an investigation arising out of the following: In 2015, I touched three women who did not consent to be touched by me. I touched a client in a sexual manner in an attorney visitation room in the Rutherford County Jail. I touched a prospective client in my office. I touched the mother of a client in a sexual manner in a conference room in the Rutherford County Courthouse.
4. I have entered into an agreement to enter a plea of guilty to three counts of assault on a female in violation of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 14-33(c) (2) in Buncombe County Superior Court.
5. I acknowledge that the material facts upon which the investigation and my guilty plea are predicated are true.

6. I am submitting my resignation because I know that if disciplinary charges were predicated upon the facts under investigation and/or upon my guilty plea, I could not successfully defend against them.

This the 2nd day of May ~~April~~, 2017.

Marvin R. Sparrow
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I, Christopher C Gray, Notary Public of the County of Beaufort, State of North Carolina, certify that Marvin R. Sparrow 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 2nd day of May ~~March~~, 2017

C. C. Gray

Notary Public

My Commission Expires: July 24, 2018

Christopher C Gray
NOTARY PUBLIC
Bertie County, NC