

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE

SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION

PITT COUNTY

FILE NO.: 17 CRS 1930

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In the Matter of:

PHILLIP ENTZMINGER  
Assistant District Attorney  
Prosecutorial District 3A

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PITT COUNTY, N.C.

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ORDER STAYING  
SUSPENSION

THIS MATTER was heard on 8 August 2023 by Pitt County Senior Resident Superior Court Judge Marvin K. Blount pursuant to Entzminger's 21 March 2023 Verified Motion to Stay Remaining Period of the Suspension imposed upon Entzminger by this Court in its 4 June 2021 Order of Discipline. Entzminger was present and represented by W. Gregory Duke. The North Carolina State Bar was represented by J. Cameron Lee.

Based upon a review of the record, the stipulations of the parties, the evidence presented during hearing, and the arguments of counsel, the court finds that Entzminger has established by clear, cogent, and convincing evidence his compliance with the conditions set forth in paragraphs 2 through 5 on pages 12 and 13 of the Court's 4 June 2021 Order of Discipline.

**THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:**

1. That Entzminger's 21 March 2023 Petition for Stay is ALLOWED, and the balance of the suspension of his law license is stayed. Entzminger shall be permitted to resume practicing law subject to the conditions set forth in paragraph 2, below.

2. The stay of the remaining period of suspension of Entzminger's law license shall remain in effect as long as he continues to comply with the following conditions:

- a) Entzminger shall maintain all of his annual CLE requirements as required by the State Bar;
- b) Entzminger shall not violate any state or federal laws or any provisions of the Rules of Professional Conduct during the period of the stayed suspension;
- c) Entzminger shall respond to all State Bar requests for information by the deadline stated in the communication or within 30 days of receipt, whichever is sooner;
- d) Entzminger shall timely comply with all State Bar membership and Continuing Legal Education requirements;
- e) Entzminger shall keep the North Carolina State Bar membership department advised of his current home and business street (no P.O. Box) addresses and telephone numbers; and
- f) Entzminger shall earn nine hours of continuing legal education hours focused on ethics each year of his suspension, including the first year when he must earn six hours of continuing legal education hours focused on professionalism prior to qualifying for a stay and three hours after qualifying for a stay, such hours being in addition to the CLE requirements set out in 27

N.C. Admin. Code, Chapter 1D, § .1518. These courses must be reported on the annual CLE report forms.

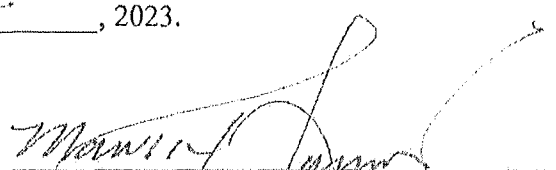
3. If the stay of the suspension is lifted and the suspension is activated for any reason, the Court may enter an Order imposing such conditions as it deems necessary for the reinstatement of Entzminger's license at the end of the suspension. Furthermore, Entzminger must have complied with each of the following conditions precedent to reinstatement before he can be reinstated to the active practice of law:

- a) Entzminger shall have submitted his license and membership card to the Secretary of the North Carolina State Bar no later than 30 days from the effective date of the order activating his suspension;
- b) Entzminger shall have complied with all provisions of 27 N.C. Admin. Code, Chapter 1B, § .0128 of the North Carolina State Bar Discipline and Disability Rules on a timely basis;
- c) Entzminger shall have maintained all of his annual CLE requirements as required by the State Bar;
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- h) Entzminger shall have earned nine hours of continuing legal education hours focused on ethics each year of his suspension, such hours being in addition to the CLE requirements set out in 27 N.C. Admin. Code, Chapter 1D, §. 1518. These courses must be reported on the annual CLE report forms.

4. The Court will retain jurisdiction of this matter pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. 84-28(b)(2), N.C. Gen. Stat. 5A-15(g), N.C. Gen. Stat. 84-36, and the Court's inherent authority throughout the period, if any, of the stayed suspension.

5. The stay of the remainder of Entzminger's suspension is effective immediately upon the filing of this Order.

THIS the 15<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2023.

  
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Honorable Maryin K. Blount III  
Pitt County Senior Resident Superior Court Judge

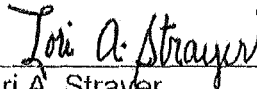
**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that I have this day served a copy of the foregoing Order Staying Suspension (17CRS1930) by depositing a copy thereof in an envelope bearing sufficient postage in the United States mail, addressed to the following person(s), at the following addresses, which is the last address known to me:

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North Carolina State Bar  
217 E Edenton Street  
Raleigh, NC 27601

W. Gregory Duke  
119 W Fourth Street  
Greenville, NC 27858

This the 15<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2023.



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Lori A. Strayer  
Court Manager  
Pitt County Superior Court