

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

WAKE COUNTY



BEFORE THE COUNCIL
OF THE
NORTH CAROLINA STATE BAR
24 BCS 2

IN THE MATTER OF THE TENDER
OF SURRENDER OF LICENSE OF

Mimi Yongzhi Rankin

ORDER OF DISBARMENT

THIS MATTER was heard by the Council of the North Carolina State Bar pursuant to 27 N.C. Admin. Code, Chapter 1, Subchapter B, Section .0121(a) of the State Bar Discipline & Disability Rules upon tender of an affidavit of surrender of license executed by Mimi Yongzhi Rankin on 15 April 2024 and filed in the offices of the North Carolina State Bar on 15 April 2024.

Based upon the affidavit, the Council finds that Rankin engaged in conduct involving dishonesty, deceit or misrepresentation reflecting adversely on her fitness as a lawyer by making false statements of material fact in her application for admission to the North Carolina State Bar in violation of the North Carolina Rules of Professional Conduct.

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

1. The tender of surrender of license of Mimi Yongzhi Rankin is hereby accepted.
2. Mimi Yongzhi Rankin is hereby DISBARRED from the practice of law in North Carolina.
3. Rankin shall comply with the provisions of 27 N.C. Admin. Code, Chapter 1, Subchapter B, Section .0128 of the State Bar Discipline & Disability Rules. Rankin shall surrender her license and permanent membership card to the Secretary of the North Carolina State Bar along with the affidavit required by § .0128 of the State Bar Discipline & Disability Rules within ten (10) days after the expiration of the wind-down period provided under § .0128(d).
4. The administrative fees and costs of this action are taxed against Rankin.
5. Within 10 days of the date of this Order, Rankin shall provide the State Bar with an address and telephone number at which clients seeking return of files can communicate with Rankin and obtain such files, and Rankin shall promptly return all files to her clients upon request.
6. If Rankin fails to fully comply with 27 N.C. Admin. Code § 1B.0128, Rankin shall reimburse the State Bar for all expenses incurred by the State Bar in winding down

Rankin's practice. Such expenses may include, but are not limited to, storage facility fees, rent payments, moving expenses, charges for secure disposal of client files, postage or other mailing expenses, and compensation paid to a court-appointed trustee and/or the trustee's assistant for time and travel associated with the trusteeship. The State Bar shall send an invoice of wind-down expenses to Rankin at Rankin's last known address of record with the North Carolina State Bar.

Done and ordered this 19th day of April, 2024.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "A. Todd Brown". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style. The first letter "A" is large and prominent, followed by "T", "o", "d", "d", "B", "r", "o", "w", "n". The signature is positioned above a horizontal line.

A. Todd Brown, President
North Carolina State Bar

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AFFIDAVIT TENDERING THE SURRENDER OF THE LICENSE OF
MIMI YONGZHI RANKIN

I, MIMI YONGZHI RANKIN, being first duly sworn, say:

1. I desire to resign and hereby tender my license to practice law in North Carolina pursuant to the provisions of Section .0121 of the North Carolina State Bar Discipline and Disability Rules, 27 N.C. Admin. Code Chapter 1, Subchapter B, Section .0121.
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.
3. I engaged in conduct involving dishonesty, deceit or misrepresentation reflecting adversely on my fitness as a lawyer by making false statements of material fact in my application for admission to the North Carolina State Bar.
4. I am aware that there is a pending investigation against me by the State Bar. I acknowledge that the material facts upon which the grievance investigation is predicated are true.
5. My resignation is being submitted because I know that if disciplinary charges were predicated upon the conduct under investigation, I could not successfully defend against them.
6. I understand that the hearing by the Council of the North Carolina State Bar with regard to the acceptance of the tender of surrender of my license to practice law will occur at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Council of the North Carolina State Bar on Friday, April 19, 2024 at the State Bar building located at 217 East Edenton Street, Raleigh, North Carolina.
7. I hereby waive any further notice of the hearing before the Council on my affidavit of surrender. I waive any claim, argument, or assertion that I have not received proper or timely notice of the hearing before the Council on my affidavit of surrender or any other defect in notice. I further waive any and all right or privilege to appear before the Council at that hearing.
8. I affirm that I have had a full opportunity to seek the advice and counsel of an attorney in filing my Affidavit of Surrender and in waiving any rights set forth herein.

Respectfully submitted, this the 15th day of April, 2024.


Mimi Yongzhi Rankin

I, Cesar Saavedra, Notary Public of the County of Tarrant,
State of Texas, certify that Mimi Yongzhi Rankin personally appeared before me this day, was
sworn, attested that the foregoing Affidavit is true and accurate of her own personal
knowledge, and executed the foregoing Affidavit.

This the 15 day of April, 2024


Notary Public
(print name)

Cesar Saavedra

My commission expires: 06-20-2027

