

NORTH CAROLINA
WAKE COUNTY



BEFORE THE
DISCIPLINARY HEARING COMMISSION
OF THE
NORTH CAROLINA STATE BAR
15 DHC 36

THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BAR,

Plaintiff

v.

KARLA W. SIMON, Attorney,

Defendant

ORDER OF
INTERIM SUSPENSION

This matter is before the undersigned Chair of the Disciplinary Hearing Commission pursuant to 27 N.C. Admin. Code Chapter 1, Subchapter B, Rule .0115(d) of the Discipline & Disability Rules of the North Carolina State Bar on the State Bar's petition for an order of interim suspension of the law license of Karla W. Simon, based upon her convictions of crimes showing professional unfitness in Cambridge Massachusetts. Based upon the petition and the certified copy of Simons' guilty plea/conviction and judgment, the undersigned hereby makes the following

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent, Karla W. Simon, was licensed to practice law in North Carolina on August 12, 1972. Simon's license has been on inactive status as of December 31, 1988. As an inactive member of the North Carolina State Bar Simon is, and was at all times referred to herein, an attorney at law subject to the rules, regulations, and Rules of Professional Conduct of the North Carolina State Bar and the laws of North Carolina.

2. The current address of record for Simon with the North Carolina State Bar is 451 Linnie Canal, Venice, CA 90291.

3. On November 3, 2014 in Cambridge, Massachusetts Simon pled guilty to the felony of Stalking.

4. On December 18, 2014 in Cambridge, Massachusetts, based upon Simon's admissions to sufficient facts, Simon was found guilty on 29 counts of misdemeanor Violation of Harassment Prevention Order and nine counts felony Intimidate Witness/Juror/Police/Court Official.

5. Simon was sentenced to three years of probation, to expire on December 19, 2017.

6. On May 26, 2015 Simon was found to be in violation of her probation and was sentenced to one year incarceration in the Massachusetts Department of Correction at MCI Framingham.

7. The North Carolina State Bar will file a formal complaint against Defendant alleging she has violated the Rules of Professional Conduct based upon her felony convictions.

Based upon the foregoing findings of fact, the undersigned makes the following:

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

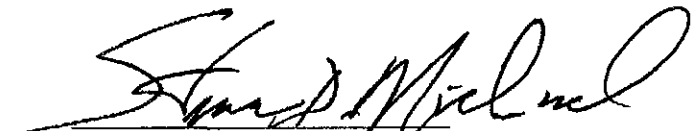
1. The felony offenses to which Simon pled guilty and were convicted of are serious crimes showing professional unfitness to practice as defined by Rule .0103(17) of the State Bar Discipline & Disability Rules and N.C. Gen. Stat. § 84-28(b).

2. Rule .0115(d) of the N.C. State Bar Discipline & Disability Rules authorizes the Chair of the Disciplinary Hearing Commission to enter an order suspending an attorney's license upon receipt of a certified copy of a plea of guilty to a serious crime showing professional unfitness to practice law.

Based upon the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the license to practice law in North Carolina of Karla W. Simon, is hereby SUSPENDED until the conclusion of all disciplinary matters pending before the North Carolina State Bar relating to Simon's convictions to serious crimes showing professional unfitness.

This the 30th day of November 2015.


Steven D. Michael, Chair
Disciplinary Hearing Commission