

10368

NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE
SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION
03 CRS 9587-90

JOHNSTON COUNTY

IN RE MATTER OF DISCIPLINE
OF WILLIAM G. HUGGINS JR.
ATTORNEY AT LAW

)
) CONSENT
) ORDER OF DISBARMENT
)
)

*Filed 10-15-03
Johnston Co CSC
4:07 PM
By Susan Thomas
Deputy CSC*

THIS CAUSE came on to be heard and was heard before the undersigned Superior Court Judge presiding at the Oct. 13, 2003 session of Johnston County Superior Court. The Respondent, William G. Huggins, Jr. was present and represented by his attorneys, Jonathan Silverman and Norman C. Post, Jr., Senior Deputy Attorney General James J. Coman and Special Deputy Attorney General G. Patrick Murphy appeared on behalf of the State of North Carolina. Based upon the evidence presented at the hearing, and with the consent of the parties hereto, the Court hereby finds the following facts by clear, cogent and convincing evidence:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. William G. Huggins, Jr. is an attorney licensed to practice law in the State of North Carolina.
2. On Oct. 14, 2003, Mr. Huggins was convicted of two felony counts of obstruction of justice; one count of embezzlement and one count of attempted obstruction of justice.
3. The Court has authority to discipline Mr. Huggins pursuant to its inherent authority over licensed attorneys in this state.
4. All parties to this proceeding received appropriate notice of this proceeding and the Court has jurisdiction over the person of Mr. Huggins.
5. The offenses of which Mr. Huggins has been convicted directly involve his practice as an attorney and reflects seriously and adversely upon his honesty, trustworthiness and fitness as an attorney
6. Mr. Huggins' conduct is such as to demean and bring into disrepute and disgrace the practice and profession of attorney.

7. Mr. Huggins' misconduct caused substantial potential harm to members of the public and caused substantial actual harm to the administration of justice.

8. Entry of an order of discipline short of disbarment is insufficient to protect the public and the integrity of the legal profession.

9. Mr. Huggins consent to entry of this Order of Disbarment.

BASED UPON THE FOREGOING FINDINGS OF FACT, the Court hereby enters the following:

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Defendant, William G. Huggins, Jr., has been convicted of serious felonies involving moral turpitude that reflects adversely upon his honesty, trustworthiness and fitness as an attorney.

2. Mr. Huggins' conduct warrants entry of an order of disbarment by this Court.

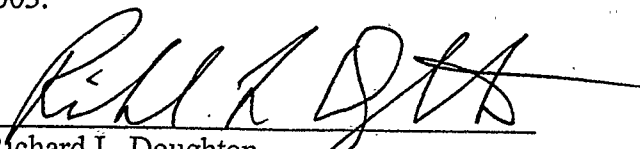
NOW THEREFORE IT IS ORDERED:

1. The Defendant, William G. Huggins Jr., is hereby DISBARRED from the practice of law and profession as an attorney in the state of North Carolina effective immediately.

2. Mr. Huggins shall not practice law in North Carolina unless and until his license is restored by the North Carolina State Bar.

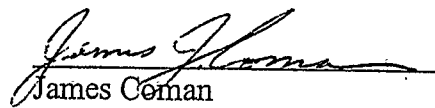
3. Mr. Huggins shall transmit his license certificate and membership card to the North Carolina State Bar, PO Box 25908, Raleigh NC 27611 within 10 days of the date of this order.

This the 15 day of October, 2003.


Richard L. Doughton
Special Superior Court Judge

Seen and consented to:


Jonathan Silverman


James Coman

Norman C. Post, Jr.
Attorneys for the Defendant

Pat Murphy
Attorneys for the State of N.C.

William G. Higgins

A TRUE COPY
CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT
JOHNSTON COUNTY
BY Fam. H. Kyeals
Assistant, Deputy, Clerk Superior Court