

NORTH CAROLINA
WAKE COUNTY

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NORTH CAROLINA STATE BAR

BEFORE THE
DISCIPLINARY HEARING COMMISSION
OF THE
NORTH CAROLINA STATE BAR
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THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BAR,)
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Plaintiff,)
)
v.)
)
THADDEUS A. ADAMS,)
)
Defendant.)

CONSENT ORDER OF
DISCIPLINE

This matter coming before the undersigned Hearing Committee of the Disciplinary Hearing Commission pursuant to Section 14(8) of Article IX of the Rules and Regulations of the North Carolina State Bar; and it appearing that both parties have agreed to waive a formal hearing in this matter; and it further appearing that both parties stipulate and agree to the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law recited in this Consent Order and to the discipline imposed, the Hearing Committee therefore enters the following:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The Plaintiff, the North Carolina State Bar, is a body duly organized under the laws of North Carolina and is the proper party to bring this proceeding under the authority granted it in Chapter 84 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, and the Rules and Regulations of the North Carolina State Bar promulgated thereunder.

2. The Defendant, Thaddeus A. Adams, III, was admitted to the North Carolina State Bar on November 12, 1968 and is, and was at all times referred to herein, an Attorney at Law licensed to practice in North Carolina, subject to the rules, regulations, and Rules of Professional Conduct of the North Carolina State Bar and the laws of the State of North Carolina.

3. On December 9, 1986, the Defendant pleaded no contest to the crime of possessing a Schedule I Controlled Substance, Methlenedioxyamphetamine (MDA), in violation of N. C. Gen. Stat. §90-95(a)(3). Superior Court Judge William H. Helms accepted the Defendant's plea and sentenced the Defendant to be imprisoned for a term of two years, with said sentence being suspended and the Defendant placed upon unsupervised probation for one year. A copy of the court proceedings associated with the Defendant's

plea and establishing its factual basis are attached and incorporated herein by reference.

4. The crime to which the Defendant pleaded no contest is a felony and a serious crime as defined in §3(30) of Article IX of the Rules and Regulations of the North Carolina State Bar. Pursuant to §15(1) of Article IX of the aforesaid Rules and Regulations, the Defendant's privilege to practice law was automatically suspended at the time his plea of no contest was entered on December 9, 1986. This suspension has continued and is still in effect.

5. The Defendant has not practiced law since his suspension on December 9, 1986.

6. The Defendant has no criminal record.

7. The Defendant has no record of prior professional misconduct.

8. The criminal offense to which the Defendant pleaded no contest was unrelated to the Defendant's law practice.

9. The State Bar is aware of no evidence that the Defendant has engaged in the manufacture or sale of controlled substances or has possessed controlled substances for sale.

10. The Defendant has continuously asserted his innocence of the crime to which he pleaded no contest.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Defendant's plea of no contest constitutes grounds for discipline pursuant to G. S. §84-28(a) and (b) (1).

Based upon the foregoing FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW and with the consent of the parties, the Hearing Committee enters the following:

ORDER OF DISCIPLINE

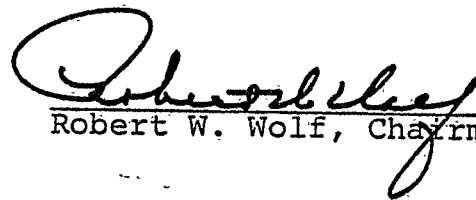
1. The Defendant, Thaddeus A. Adams, III, is hereby suspended from the practice of law in the State of North Carolina for a period of one year effective December 9, 1986, provided there shall be no reinstatement until he is otherwise qualified.

2. The Defendant shall surrender his license and membership card to the Secretary of the North Carolina State Bar.

3. The Defendant shall comply with the provisions of Section 24 of Article IX of the Rules and Regulations of the North Carolina State Bar relative to the winding up of his practice to the extent that he has not already done so.

4. The Defendant shall pay the costs of this proceeding.

This 3 day of August, 1987.

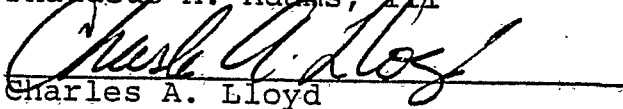

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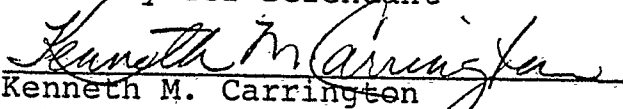
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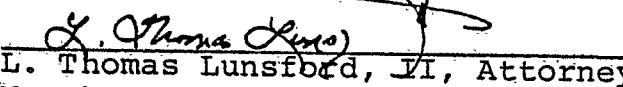
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