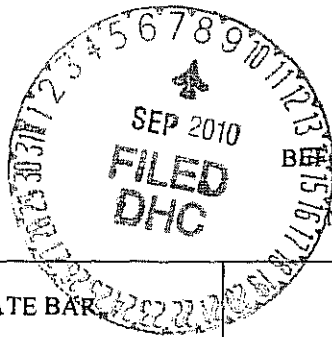


NORTH CAROLINA
WAKE COUNTY



BEFORE THE DISCIPLINARY HEARING
COMMISSION OF THE
NORTH CAROLINA STATE BAR
10 DHC 16

THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BAR

Petitioner

v.

SAVANAH R. BOWIE, Attorney,

Respondent

ORDER
OF
DISBARMENT

THIS MATTER coming before the undersigned Chair of the Disciplinary Hearing Commission pursuant to N.C. Admin. Code title 27, Rule 1B.0117(d) upon an affidavit of surrender of license executed by Savannah Bowie ("Bowie") dated 7 September 2010 and filed in the offices of the North Carolina State Bar on 8 September 2010.

Based upon the pleadings and the record, the undersigned makes the following:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. 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. Defendant was licensed to practice law in North Carolina on August 27, 2002.
3. During all periods relevant hereto, Defendant was engaged in the practice of law in North Carolina.
4. Defendant has indicated her consent to disbarment by filing an affidavit of surrender with the Disciplinary Hearing Commission. The affidavit meets all requirements set forth in N.C. Admin. Code title 27, Rule 1B.0117(a)(1) through (4), and (d).

Based upon the foregoing Findings of Fact the undersigned makes the following:

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. N. C. Admin. Code title 27, Rule 1B.0108 provides that the Chair of the Disciplinary Hearing Commission has the power to enter orders disbarring members by consent.
2. Defendant's affidavit meets all requirements set forth in N.C. Admin. Code title 27, Rule 1B.0117(a)(1) through (4), and (d), and the facts on which the affidavit is predicated warrant Defendant's disbarment.
3. Defendant has admitted the material facts as alleged in the State Bar's complaint, incorporated herein by reference, and the misconduct alleged in the complaint has been established.

Based upon the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the undersigned Chair of the Disciplinary Hearing Commission enters the following:

ORDER

1. The surrender of the license of Savannah Bowie is hereby accepted.
2. Savannah Bowie is DISBARRED from the practice of law in North Carolina effective upon the entry of this order with the Secretary of the North Carolina State Bar.
3. Savannah Bowie shall comply with the provisions of N.C. Admin. Code title 27, Rule 1B.0124 of the State Bar Discipline and Disability Rules.
4. The costs of this action are taxed against the Defendant.

Done and Ordered this 8th day of September, 2010.



Sharon Alexander, Chair
Disciplinary Hearing Commission

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

WAKE COUNTY

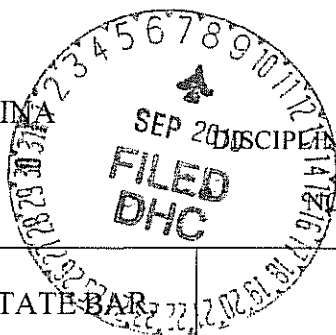
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PLAINTIFF

v.

SAVANAH R. BOWIE, ATTORNEY,

DEFENDANT

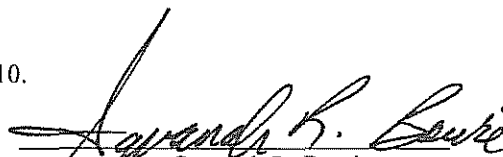


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SAVANAH R. BOWIE, being first duly sworn, deposes and says as follows:

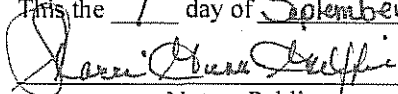
1. I desire to resign and hereby tender my license to practice law in North Carolina pursuant to State Bar Discipline & Disability Rule 27 NCAC 1B.0117.
2. My resignation is freely and voluntarily rendered, and is not the result of coercion or duress. I am fully aware of the implications of submitting my resignation.
3. I am aware that there is a formal complaint against me filed by the State Bar before the Disciplinary Hearing Commission alleging that I have been guilty of misconduct by falsely claiming Jordan Polk, to whom I am not biologically related, as my dependent on my federal individual income tax return. The complaint is incorporated herein by reference and a copy of it is attached hereto as Exhibit A.
4. I acknowledge that the material facts alleged in the complaint are true.
5. I am submitting my resignation because I know that I cannot successfully defend against the charges in the complaint.

This the 7th day of September, 2010.


Savannah R. Bowie

I, Sharri Gunn-Griffin, Notary Public of the County of Mecklenburg, State of North Carolina, certify that Savannah Bowie 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.

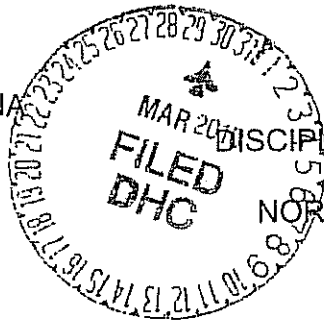
This the 7 day of September, 2010.


Notary Public

SHARRI GUNN-GRIFFIN
Notary Public, North Carolina
Mecklenburg County
My Commission Expires
February 06, 2013

My Commission Expires: February 06, 2013

NORTH CAROLINA
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THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BAR,)
Plaintiff)

v.)

COMPLAINT

SAVANAH R. BOWIE, Attorney,)
Defendant)

Plaintiff, complaining of Defendant, alleges and says:

1. Plaintiff, the North Carolina State Bar (hereinafter "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. Defendant, Savannah R. Bowie (hereinafter "Defendant"), was admitted to the North Carolina State Bar on August 27, 2002 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. During the times relevant herein, Defendant actively engaged in the practice of law in the State of North Carolina and maintained a law office in Charlotte, Mecklenburg County, North Carolina.

4. Defendant self-prepared her 2008 federal U.S. Individual Income Tax Return.

5. Defendant listed Jordan Polk as her dependent in response to question 6c(1) on the tax return.

6. Question 6c(3) asked Defendant to list the dependent's relationship to her.

7. Respondent listed Jordan Polk's relationship to her as "nephew" in response to question 6c(3).

8. Jordan Polk's biological mother is Chimere Polk. Defendant and Ms. Polk are not biologically related.

9. Defendant is not biologically related to Jordan Polk's biological father.

10. Jordan Polk is not Defendant's nephew.

11. Defendant knowingly misrepresented on her individual income tax return Jordan Polk's relationship to her.

12. Jordan Polk did not meet the IRS relationship test to qualify to be claimed by Defendant as a dependant.

13. Defendant falsely claimed Jordan Polk as her dependent in order to fraudulently obtain a larger income tax refund from the federal government.

14. Above the signature line of Defendant's 2008 income tax return it provides: "Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return and accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, they are true, correct, and complete."

15. Upon information and belief, Defendant signed her 2008 income tax return thereby making the declaration referred to in paragraph 14 above.

16. Defendant knew at the time that she signed her 2008 income tax return that the statements in this income tax return claiming Jordan Polk as her dependent and nephew were untrue.

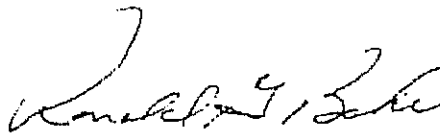
THEREFORE, Plaintiff alleges that Defendant's foregoing actions constitute grounds for discipline pursuant to N. C. Gen. Stat. §84-28(b)(2) in that Defendant violated one or more of the Rules of Professional Conduct in effect at the time of the conduct as follows:

- (i) By falsely claiming Jordan Polk as her dependent on her federal individual income tax return Defendant committed a criminal act that reflects adversely on the lawyer's honesty, trustworthiness or fitness as a lawyer in other respects in violation of Rule 8.4(b) and engaged in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit or misrepresentation in violation of Rule 8.4 (c).

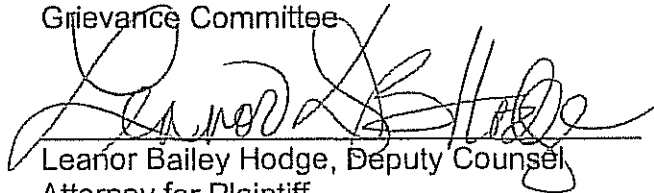
WHEREFORE, the State Bar prays that

1. Disciplinary action be taken against Defendant in accordance with N. C. Gen. Stat. §84-28(c) and 27 N.C.A.C. 1B §.0114 as the evidence on hearing may warrant,
2. Defendant be taxed with the costs permitted by law in connection with this proceeding, and
3. For such other and further relief as is appropriate.

This the 30th day of March 2010.



Ronald G. Baker, Sr., Chair
Grievance Committee



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