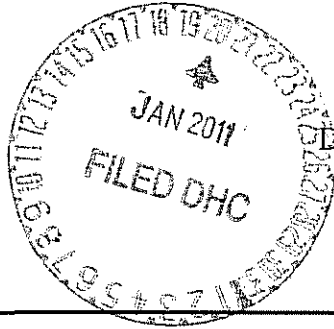


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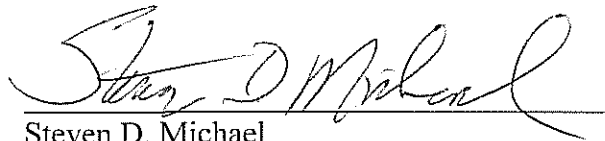
THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BAR,)
Plaintiff)
v.)
ERIC A. RICHARDSON, Attorney,)
Defendant)

ORDER DISMISSING COMPLAINT

This matter came on to be heard and was heard by a hearing panel of the Disciplinary Hearing Commission composed of Steven D. Michael, Chair; William M. Claytor and David L. Williams. A. Root Edmonson represented the North Carolina State Bar. The defendant, Eric A. Richardson, was represented by James B. Maxwell. Upon the conclusion of all of the evidence, the majority of the panel found and concluded that the State Bar failed to prove the allegations in its Complaint by clear, cogent and convincing evidence.

THEREFORE, this matter is hereby DISMISSED.

This the 15th day of January 2011.


Steven D. Michael
Chair