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NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE

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SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION

WAKE COUNTY

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NORTH CAROLINA STATE BAR )  
WAKE COUNTY, C.S.C. )

Petitioner )  
By \_\_\_\_\_ )

v. )

JOHN G. KNIGHT, ATTORNEY )

Respondent )

CONSENT ORDER  
OF DISBARMENT  
[GW-OTHR-DISBARMENT]

THIS MATTER came on to be heard and was heard by the undersigned Wake County Superior Court Judge. The petitioner was represented by A. Root Edmonson. David Freedman represented the respondent. Based upon the consent of the parties hereto, the Court hereby enters the following:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The Respondent, John G. Knight, was licensed to practice law in North Carolina in 1996.
2. During most or all of the times relevant hereto, Knight maintained an office for the practice of law in Winston-Salem, N.C.
3. Knight hereby agrees that the Court has jurisdiction over his person and the subject matter of this proceeding.
4. Knight has waived his right to a hearing herein and to appeal the entry of discipline.
5. Knight misappropriated funds from the estate of Carl F. Rothrock for his own use and benefit, without the knowledge or consent of the Clerk of Court or the heirs of the estate.
6. Knight agrees and consents to tender his license to practice law, to voluntary disbarment and to immediately cease the practice of law.

Based upon the consent of the parties and the foregoing Findings of Fact, the Court makes the following:

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. By misappropriating client funds for his own use and benefit, Knight engaged in criminal conduct that adversely reflects upon his honesty, trustworthiness and fitness

to practice, in violation of Rule 8.4(b) and engaged in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit or misrepresentation in violation of Rule 8.4(c) of the Revised Rules of Professional Conduct.

2. The Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter of this proceeding and the person of John G. Knight.

3. Knight has engaged in professional misconduct warranting disbarment.

THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY ORDERED

1. John G. Knight is disbarred effective immediately.

2. John G. Knight shall comply with the provisions of 27 NCAC 1 B. 0124 of the State Bar Discipline & Disability Rules.

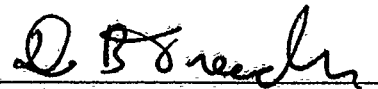
3. John G. Knight's license to practice law in North Carolina shall not be reinstated unless and until he has fully complied with 27 NCAC 1B .0125 and the Council of the North Carolina State Bar orders reinstatement.

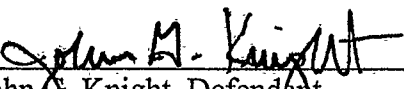
4. The costs of this proceeding are taxed against John G. Knight.

This the 6<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2006.

  
Wake County Superior Court Judge

Seen and consented to:

  
David Freedman, Defendant's Attorney

  
John G. Knight, Defendant

  
A. Root Edmonson, Plaintiff's Attorney