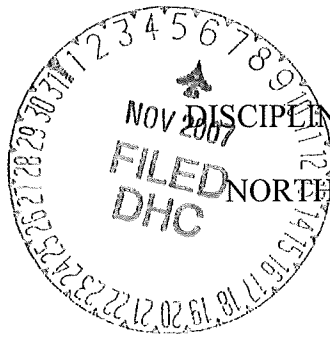


NORTH CAROLINA
WAKE COUNTY



BEFORE THE
DISCIPLINARY HEARING COMMISSION
OF THE
NORTH CAROLINA STATE BAR
07 DHC 26

THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BAR,)
Plaintiff,)
v.)
RALPH T. BRYANT, Attorney,)
Defendant.)

ORDER
OF DISBARMENT

THIS MATTER came on for hearing before the Chair of the Disciplinary Hearing Commission pursuant to 27 N.C.A.C. 1B §.0117(d) upon an Affidavit of Surrender of Law License executed by Ralph T. Bryant (“Bryant”) dated October 29, 2007, and filed in the office of the Clerk of the Disciplinary Hearing Commission on October 31, 2007.

Based upon the pleadings and the record, including the Affidavit of Surrender of Law License, the undersigned makes the following:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Defendant was licensed to practice law in North Carolina in 1991.
2. Defendant’s address of record with the North Carolina State Bar is P.O. Drawer C, Greenville, North Carolina 27835.
3. In this action, the State Bar has alleged that Bryant misappropriated \$64,847.00 held by him in trust and utilized those funds for his own personal benefit or for the benefit of a third party without authorization from the beneficial owners of the funds.
4. In his Affidavit of Surrender of Law License, Bryant admits that the facts upon which the State Bar's allegations are founded are true and that he cannot successfully defend against the allegations.
5. In his Affidavit of Surrender of Law License, Bryant states that he wishes to consent to disbarment by filing his affidavit with the Disciplinary Hearing Commission.
6. The Affidavit of Surrender of Law License meets all requirements set forth in 27 N.C.A.C. 1B §.0117(a)(1), (2), (3), (4) and (d).

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

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW


1. 27 N.C.A.C. 1B §.0108 provides that the Chair has the power and duty to enter orders disbarring members by consent.
2. Defendant's affidavit meets all requirements set forth in 27 N.C.A.C. 1B §.0117(a)(1), (2), (3), (4) and (d).
3. The facts upon which the affidavit is predicated warrant Defendant's disbarment.

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 law license of Ralph T. Bryant is hereby accepted.
2. Ralph T. Bryant 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. Ralph T. Bryant shall comply with the provisions of 27 N.C.A.C. 1B §.0124 of the State Bar Discipline and Disability Rules and shall surrender his license and permanent membership card to the Secretary of the North Carolina State Bar along with the affidavit required by 27 N.C.A.C. 1B §.0124 of the State Bar Discipline and Disability Rules.
4. The costs of this action are taxed against Ralph T. Bryant.

This the 1ST day of November, 2007.


F. Lane Williamson, Chair
Disciplinary Hearing Commission

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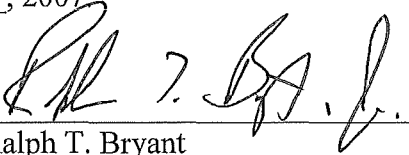
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AFFIDAVIT OF SURRENDER OF LAW LICENSE

Ralph T. Bryant, 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 the provisions of 27 N.C. Admin. Code Chapter 1, Subchapter B, Section .0117 of the N.C. State Bar Discipline & Disability Rules.
2. My resignation is freely and voluntarily rendered. It is not the result of coercion or duress. I am fully aware of the implication of submitting my resignation.
3. I am aware that the North Carolina State Bar has filed a disciplinary complaint against me in the Disciplinary Hearing Commission alleging that I misappropriated \$64,847 entrusted to me in a fiduciary capacity and utilized those funds for my own personal benefit without authorization to do so from the beneficial owners of the funds. I have returned all of those funds to the trust account.
4. I acknowledge that the material facts alleged in the State Bar's DHC complaint are true.
5. I am submitting my resignation because I know that I cannot successfully defend against the allegations contained in the State Bar's DHC complaint.
6. I understand that I am entitled to a hearing before the Disciplinary Hearing Commission on the allegations made against me in the State Bar's DHC complaint. I hereby waive any right to such hearing.
7. I affirm that I have had a full opportunity to seek the advice and counsel of an attorney in filing my Affidavit of Surrender and in waiving my right to a hearing.

This the 29th day of October, 2007



Ralph T. Bryant

I, Wandy Smith, Notary Public of the County of WAKE, State of North Carolina, certify that Ralph T. Bryant personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged the due execution of the foregoing Affidavit of Surrender of Law License.

Sworn to and subscribed before me

This the 29 day of October, 2007.

Wandy Smith
Notary Public

