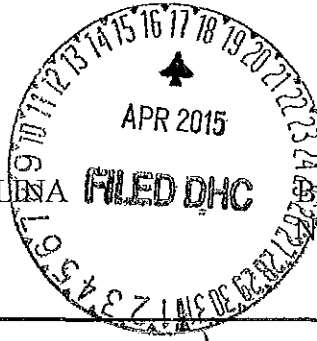




STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
WAKE COUNTY

BEFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE
NORTH CAROLINA STATE BAR
15 BCS 1

IN THE MATTER OF THE TENDER
OF SURRENDER OF LICENSE OF

WILBUR L. LINTON, JR.

ORDER OF DISBARMENT

THIS MATTER coming on to be heard and being heard by the Council of the North Carolina State Bar pursuant to 27 N.C. Admin. Code 1B § .0117(a) of the State Bar Discipline and Disability Rules upon tender of an affidavit of surrender of license executed by Wilbur L. Linton, Jr. and filed in the offices of the North Carolina State Bar on 1 April 2015.

Based upon the affidavit, the Council finds that, during his stayed suspension and prior to his suspension being activated, Linton neglected and/or abandoned multiple clients by failing to pursue or resolve multiple client matters for which he received payment and by failing to communicate with his clients. Linton also failed to respond to multiple State Bar inquiries. Linton's conduct resulted in actual significant harm to his clients, to third parties, to the administration of justice, and to the profession. Linton's conduct violated Rules 1.3, 1.4(a)(3) & (4), 1.5(a), 1.16(d), 8.1(b), and 8.4(d) of the North Carolina Rules of Professional Conduct, and the Council finds that Linton's conduct is grounds for discipline pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 84-28(b)(2).

WHEREFORE, upon motion made and duly seconded, the Council enters the following Order:

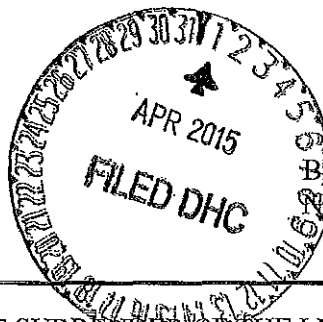
1. The tender of surrender of license of Wilbur L. Linton, Jr. is hereby accepted.
2. Wilbur L. Linton, Jr. is hereby DISBARRED from the practice of law in North Carolina.
3. To the extent not already completed, Linton shall comply with the provisions of 27 N.C. Admin. Code 1B § .0124 of the State Bar 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 .0124 of the State Bar Discipline and Disability Rules.
4. The administrative fees and costs of this action are taxed against Linton.

Done and ordered this 17th day of April, 2015.

Ronald L. Gibson, President
The North Carolina State Bar

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AFFIDAVIT TENDERING THE SURRENDER OF THE LICENSE OF WILBUR L. LINTON, JR.

WILBUR L. LINTON, JR., 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 Rules, 27 N.C. Admin. Code 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. By Order dated 9 March 2013, I was suspended from the practice of law in North Carolina, and my suspension was stayed. I thereafter failed to comply with the conditions of the stayed suspension, and my suspension was activated.
4. I am aware that there is a pending investigation by the State Bar regarding allegations that, during my stayed suspension, I neglected and/or abandoned multiple clients by failing to pursue or resolve matters for which I received payment and by failing to communicate with my clients. Additionally, I failed to respond to the State Bar's multiple inquiries regarding my misconduct. My misconduct and disregard for my duties as an attorney resulted in actual significant harm to my clients, to third parties, to the administration of justice, and to the profession.
5. I acknowledge that the material facts upon which the investigation is predicated are true.
6. I am submitting my resignation because I know that if disciplinary charges were predicated upon the misconduct under investigation, I could not successfully defend against them.
7. I understand that the hearing by the Council of the North Carolina State Bar with regard to the acceptance of the tender of surrender of my license to practice law will occur at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Council of the North Carolina State Bar on Friday, 17 April 2015 at the North Carolina State Bar building, located at 217 E. Edenton Street, Raleigh, North Carolina. I hereby waive any further notice of the hearing before the Council on my affidavit of surrender. I waive any claim, argument, or assertion that I have not received proper or timely notice of the hearing before the Council on my affidavit of surrender or any other defect in notice. I further waive any and all right or privilege to appear before the Council at the hearing.

This is the 30 day of MARCH, 2015.

Wilbur L. Linton, Jr.

I, D. BRYAN AUSTIN, Notary Public of the County of GUILFORD, State of North Carolina, certify that Wilbur L. Linton, Jr. personally appeared before me this day, was sworn, attested that the foregoing Affidavit is true and accurate of his own personal knowledge, and executed the foregoing Affidavit.

Notary Public

This the 30 day of MARCH, 2015.

My Commission Expires: 10/24/2019

