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BEFORE THE DISCIPLINARY HEARING COMMISSION
OF THE
NORTH CAROLINA STATE BAR

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA	:	CASE NO. 93 DHC 25
COUNTY OF WAKE	:	
THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BAR	:	
Plaintiff	:	
vs.	:	ORDER OF DISBARMENT
DEBORAH D. MINIX	:	
Defendant	:	

This matter being before the undersigned Chairperson of the Disciplinary Hearing Commission pursuant to Article IX, Section 17(D) of the Rules and Regulations of the North Carolina State Bar upon the defendant's affidavit of consent to disbarment executed on the 31st day of January, 1994 and filed on the 1st day of February, and the undersigned having conducted several telephone conferences with counsel for both the North Carolina State Bar and the defendant, and based upon the consent to disbarment and the telephone conferences, the undersigned finds the following:

1. The consent to disbarment was freely and voluntarily rendered, it was not the result of coercion or duress, and defendant was fully aware of the implications of submitting the consent to disbarment.

2. Defendant is aware that there is a hearing presently scheduled concerning the allegations contained in the amended complaint in this matter, and that by submitting the consent to disbarment, defendant is giving up her right to defend against those allegations at that hearing.

3. Defendant has admitted that the material facts upon which the amended complaint is predicated are true.

4. Defendant has admitted that she submitted the consent to disbarment because she knew she could not successfully defend against the allegations contained in the amended complaint.

5. With respect to winding down defendant's practice:

a. Defendant is currently working in a government position where she is the only

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attorney prosecuting numerous child abuse cases;

b. Defendant is the only attorney knowledgeable concerning these cases, which are in process and cannot be concluded within 30 days from the date of this order;

c. It will take time to find an attorney and for the attorney to become knowledgeable and be in a position to handle these cases;

d. Defendant is not handling any client funds or any other funds; and

e. The victims of child abuse whose cases defendant handles will be significantly prejudiced, if there is not a knowledgeable attorney available to handle these cases.

Based upon the foregoing findings of fact, the undersigned concludes as follows:

1. The affidavit of defendant contained in her consent to disbarment meets the requirements of Section 17(D) of Article IX of the Rules and Regulations of the North Carolina State Bar.

2. The consent to disbarment filed by the defendant should be accepted.

3. The public, courts and legal profession will be protected and it is in their collective best interests to allow defendant 60 days within which to wind down her practice.

THEREFORE, it is hereby ordered:

1. The defendant, Deborah D. Minix, is hereby DISBARRED from the practice of law in North Carolina.

2. Defendant shall comply with the provisions of Article IX, Section 24 of the Rules and Regulations of the North Carolina State Bar except that the defendant shall have 60 days from the date of service of this order to wind down her practice instead of 30 days.

3. Defendant shall surrender her license and permanent membership card to the Secretary of the North Carolina State Bar along with the affidavit required by Article IX, Section 24 of the Rules and Regulations of the North Carolina State Bar.

4. Defendant shall pay the costs of this proceeding.

This the 9th day of February, 1994.

Maureen Demarest Murray

Maureen Demarest Murray, Chairman
The Disciplinary Hearing Commission

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