

NORTH CAROLINA

WAKE COUNTY

BEFORE THE COUNCIL
OF THE
NORTH CAROLINA STATE BAR
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IN THE MATTER OF THE TENDER
OF SURRENDER OF LICENSE
OF WILLIE O. DIXON IV

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) ORDER OF DISBARMENT
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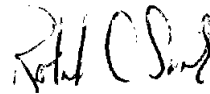
THIS MATTER coming on to be heard and being heard by the Council of the North Carolina State Bar pursuant to 27 N.C. Admin. Code Chapter 1, Subchapter B, § .0117(a) of the State Bar Discipline & Disability Rules upon an affidavit of tender of surrender of license executed by Willie O. Dixon IV on April 22, 1999 and filed in the offices of the North Carolina State Bar on April 22, 1999.

Based upon the affidavit, the Council finds that Willie O. Dixon IV's conduct of misappropriating client funds and requesting Barbara Houston to sign a false affidavit is grounds for discipline pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 84-28(b)(2) in that Willie O. Dixon IV violated Rules 1.2(c) of the Rules of Professional Conduct and Rule 8.4(c) of the Revised Rules of Professional Conduct.

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

1. The tender of surrender of license of Willie O. Dixon IV is hereby accepted.
2. Willie O. Dixon IV is hereby is DISBARRED from the practice of law in North Carolina.
3. Willie O. Dixon IV shall comply with the provisions of 27 N.C.A.C. Chapter 1, Subchapter B, § .0124 of the State Bar Discipline & Disbarment 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 & Disbarment Rules.
4. The costs of this action are taxed against Willie O. Dixon IV.

Done and ordered this 23rd day of April, 1999.



Robert C. Sink, President
The N.C. State Bar

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AFFIDAVIT

To: The Council of the North Carolina State Bar

I, Willie O. Dixon IV, hereby tender my license to practice law and desire to resign from the North Carolina State Bar. My resignation is extended freely and voluntarily and is not the result of coercion or duress, and I am fully aware of the implications of submitting this, my resignation.

I am aware that there is pending an investigation regarding allegations that I have violated the Revised Rules of Professional Conduct, to wit:

1. I misappropriated funds from a number of clients between 1996 and 1998, including settlement funds belonging to a client named Barbara Houston.

2. In 1998, I requested that Ms. Houston sign an affidavit which incorrectly stated that Ms. Houston had agreed to lend me the proceeds of her personal injury settlement as of June 26, 1996 and I had executed a note agreeing to repay these funds to her. I attached to the affidavit a document which purported to be a note securing the "loan" from Ms. Houston. In fact, the note was drafted by me and signed by Ms. Houston in 1998 but dated as of 1996. The balance owing on the note that was executed by me to Ms. Houston is currently being repaid to Ms. Houston.

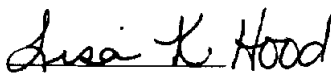
I acknowledge that the material facts alleged herein are true. I am submitting my resignation because I know that I cannot successfully defend against these allegations.

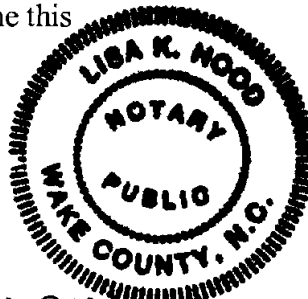
RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED, this the 22~~nd~~ day of April, 1999.


Willie O. Dixon IV.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this

the 22 day of April, 1999


Notary Public



My commission expires: June 10, 2001