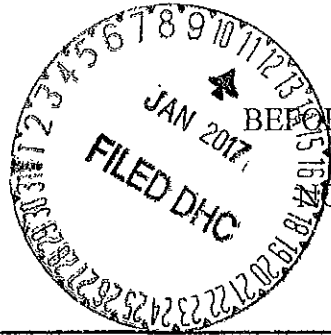


NORTH CAROLINA
WAKE COUNTY



BEFORE THE GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE
OF THE
NORTH CAROLINA STATE BAR
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THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BAR)
Petitioner)
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)
JOEL FLESHER GEER, Attorney)
Respondent)

ORDER OF RECIPROCAL
DISCIPLINE

Pursuant to the authority vested in me as Chairperson of the Grievance Committee of the North Carolina State Bar by 27 N.C. Admin. Code Chapter 1, Subchapter B, § .0105(a)(12) and .0116(b)(3) of the Discipline and Disability Rules of the North Carolina State Bar; and based upon the record in this matter, the undersigned finds as follows:

1. By order dated April 10, 2015, the Supreme Court of South Carolina issued an order placing Joel Flesher Geer on interim suspension until further order of the Court.
2. On October 18, 2016, a Notice of Reciprocal Discipline Proceeding was mailed to Joel Flesher Geer by certified mail, return receipt requested. That Notice was returned unserved.
3. On November 28, 2016, Joel Flesher Geer was served with the Notice of Reciprocal Discipline Proceeding and its attachments by Deputy Kathryn L. Monahan of the Greenville County Sheriff's Office in Greenville, SC at the address the certified mail had previously been sent.
4. Joel Flesher Geer failed to respond to the Notice of Reciprocal Discipline within 30 days of the date of service.

BASED UPON THE FOREGOING FINDINGS, the Chairperson of the Grievance Committee makes the following CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:

1. The North Carolina State Bar has jurisdiction over the subject matter of this proceeding and over the person of Joel Flesher Geer.
2. The procedure for imposition of reciprocal discipline pursuant to 27 N.C. Admin. Code Chapter 1, Subchapter B, Rule .0116 of the Discipline and Disability Rules of the North Carolina State Bar has been complied with.

3. The order of the Supreme Court of South Carolina suspending Joel Flesher Geer justifies the imposition of reciprocal discipline in this state.

4. The suspension imposed by the Supreme Court of South Carolina should be imposed on Joel Flesher Geer's right to practice law in the State of North Carolina.

THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. The license of Joel Flesher Geer to practice law in the State of North Carolina is hereby suspended.

2. Joel Flesher Geer shall forthwith surrender his license certificate and membership card to the Secretary of the North Carolina State Bar.

3. Joel Flesher Geer is hereby taxed with the costs and administrative fees of this proceeding as assessed by the Secretary.

4. Joel Flesher Geer shall not resume the practice of law in the State of North Carolina until he has submitted proof to the Secretary of the North Carolina State Bar that he has been reinstated to the practice of law by the Supreme Court of South Carolina.

5. Respondent shall comply with the wind down provisions of 27 N.C. Admin. Code Chapter 1, Subchapter B, Rule .0124 of the Discipline & Disability Rules of the North Carolina State Bar.

This the 6th day of January 2016.


DeWitt F. McCarley, Chair
Grievance Committee