

JOHNSTON COUNTY
NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE GENERAL COURTS OF JUSTICE
SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION
10CRS822-831

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

v.

CYNTHIA L. JAEGER

AFFIDAVIT OF SURRENDER
OF LAW LICENSE

Cynthia L. Jaeger, 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.
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 have today entered a plea of guilty to ten (10) counts of felony obstruction of justice and ten (10) counts of altering an official case record. I am in fact guilty of these charges.
4. I know that if disciplinary charges were predicated upon these criminal offenses, I could not successfully defend against them.
5. I consent to be disbarred from the practice of law in North Carolina.

This the 22 day of February, 2010.

Cynthia L. Jaeger
Cynthia L. Jaeger

I, Rich F. Harner, Notary Public of the County of DOUGLAS, State of South Carolina, certify that Cynthia L. Jaeger 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.

This the 22nd day of February, 2010.

Rich F. Harner
Notary Public

My ~~Herby~~ Herby ~~Certif~~ Certif ~~That The Foregoing~~ That The Foregoing ~~Is A True And Accurate Copy As~~ Is A True And Accurate Copy As ~~Taken From And Compared With The~~ Taken From And Compared With The ~~Original On Record In This Office.~~ Original On Record In This Office. ~~Witness My Hand And Official Seal.~~ Witness My Hand And Official Seal. ~~This~~ This ~~22nd~~ 22nd ~~Day Of~~ Day Of ~~February 20 10~~ February 20 10

Will R. Crocker, Clerk Superior Court
Pam N. Ryals Ant
Deputy

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JOHNSTON COUNTY C.S.C.
BY Pam N. Ryals Ant
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CYNTHIA L. JAEGER)

ORDER OF DISBARMENT

Based upon the Affidavit of Surrender of Law License submitted to the court by Cynthia L. Jaeger, the court makes the following:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Cynthia L. Jaeger was licensed to practice law in North Carolina on August 26, 2003.
2. Jaeger has been employed as an assistant district attorney for the majority of time she has been licensed to practice law in North Carolina and is currently engaged in the private practice of law.
3. On this date, Jaeger entered pleas of guilty to ten (10) counts of felony obstruction of justice and ten (10) counts of altering an official case record, all Class H felonies.
4. Jaeger is in fact guilty of the criminal offenses to which she pled guilty.

Based upon the foregoing Findings of Fact, the court makes the following:

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. By committing ten (10) counts of felony obstruction of justice and ten (10) counts of altering an official case record, Jaeger violated Rules 8.4(b) and (c) of the North Carolina Rules of Professional Conduct.
2. Jaeger's misconduct constitutes grounds for discipline pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. Section 84-28(b)(2).
3. Jaeger's misconduct has caused significant actual harm to the legal profession and to the public's perception of the justice system.
4. The court finds that lesser alternatives, including public censure, reprimand, admonition or suspension of Jaeger's law license would not be sufficient discipline because of the gravity of the actual and potential harm to the public, the administration of justice, and the legal profession caused by Jaeger's conduct.
5. The court has considered lesser sanctions and determined that any discipline short of disbarment would not adequately protect the public for the following reasons:
 - a. Jaeger's misconduct involves moral turpitude and violations of the public trust.

b. Jaeger's misconduct involves misrepresentations and deceit. Misconduct involving misrepresentations and deceit are among the most serious that an attorney can commit.

c. Jaeger's criminal offenses reflect adversely on his honesty, trustworthiness or fitness as a lawyer.

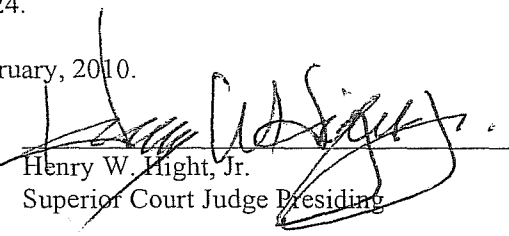
d. Entry of an order imposing less serious discipline would fail to acknowledge the seriousness of the offenses and would send the wrong message to attorneys and the public regarding the conduct expected of members of the Bar of this State.

e. Protection of the public and of the legal profession require that Jaeger not be permitted to resume the practice of law until she demonstrates the following: that she has reformed; that she understands her obligations to her clients, the public, and the legal profession; and that permitting her to practice law will not be detrimental to the public or the integrity and standing of the legal profession or the administration of justice. Disbarred lawyers are required to make such a showing before they may resume practicing law.

IT IS NOW, THEREFORE, **ORDERED**:

1. Cynthia L. Jaeger is DISBARRED from the practice of law in North Carolina.
2. This Order of Disbarment is effective immediately upon entry.
3. Cynthia L. Jaeger shall comply with the provisions of Subchapter B, Section .0124 of the Rules and Regulations of the North Carolina State Bar and shall surrender her license and permanent membership card to the Secretary of the North Carolina State Bar along with the affidavit required by Subchapter B, Section .0124.

Done and Ordered this 22nd day of February, 2010.


Henry W. Hight, Jr.

Superior Court Judge Presiding

I Hereby Certify That The Foregoing
Is A True And Accurate Copy As
Taken From And Compared With The
Original On Record In This Office.
Witness My Hand And Official Seal.
This 22nd Day Of February 20 10
Will R. Crocker, Clerk Superior Court
