

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
WAKE COUNTY

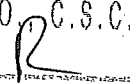
IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE
FILED SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION
FILE NO. 19-CVS-10602

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

v.

PETER STANLEY COLEMAN,
Respondent

WAKE CO. C.S.C.
BY 

ORDER OF DISBARMENT

THIS MATTER came before the undersigned Judge of the Superior Court of Wake County upon the tender of surrender of the law license of Peter Stanley Coleman. Defendant was represented by Alan M. Schneider and Trey Fitzhugh.

Based upon the Affidavit of Surrender of Law License submitted to the Court by Peter Stanley Coleman, the court makes the following:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Coleman was licensed to practice law on August 23, 1997.
2. During all periods relevant hereto, Coleman was actively engaged in the practice of law in Wake County, North Carolina.
3. Coleman misappropriated in excess of \$60,000.00 of entrusted funds and forged the signature of a notary public on numerous jurats filed in the register of deeds in several counties. On June 4, 2020 Coleman pled guilty in the Superior Court of Wake County in case file no. 19CR212258 to one count each of felony Common Law Forgery and felony Notary Violation relating to the forgery of notary signatures in Wake County.

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

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. This court has jurisdiction over Peter Stanley Coleman and over the subject matter of this proceeding.
2. The courts of this State have the inherent authority to take disciplinary action against attorneys licensed to practice law in North Carolina.
3. Coleman engaged in criminal acts that reflect adversely on his honesty, trustworthiness, or fitness as a lawyer in violation of Rule of Professional Conduct 8.4(b), engaged in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit or misrepresentation in violation of

Rule of Professional Conduct 8.4(c), and engaged in conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice in violation of Rule of Professional Conduct 8.4(d).

4. Coleman's misconduct constitutes grounds for discipline pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. §84-28(b)(1) and (2).

5. Coleman has engaged in professional misconduct warranting disbarment.

IT IS NOW, THEREFORE, ORDERED:

1. The surrender of the license of Peter Stanley Coleman is hereby accepted.

2. Peter Stanley Coleman is DISBARRED from the practice of law in North Carolina effective upon entry of this Order.

3. Coleman shall comply with the provisions of 27 N.C. Admin. Code 1B §.0128 and shall surrender his law license and permanent membership card to the Secretary of the North Carolina State Bar along with the affidavit required by Rule .0128.

4. Within 15 days of the effective date of this Order Coleman shall provide the State Bar with an address and telephone number at which clients seeking return of files can communicate with Coleman and obtain such files.

5. Coleman shall promptly return client files in his possession, custody, or control to clients upon request, within five days of receipt of such request. Coleman will be deemed to have received any such request three days after the date the request is sent to him if the request is sent to the address Coleman provided to the State Bar pursuant to this Order.

6. Coleman shall not petition for reinstatement of his law license until the expiration of at least five years from the date of entry of this order.

7. Coleman's law license shall not be reinstated until he has demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Disciplinary Hearing Commission and the Council of the North Carolina State Bar that he has complied with 27 N.C. Admin. Code 1B §§ .0128 and .0129(a).

8. The costs of this action are taxed against Peter Stanley Coleman.

Done and Ordered this 4 day of June, 2020.


Superior Court Judge Presiding

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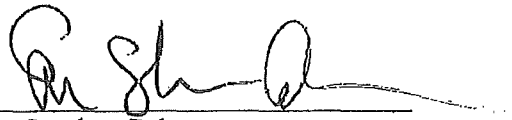
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THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BAR, BY _____	WAKE CO., C.S.C. R
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Peter Stanley Coleman, being first duly sworn, deposes and says as follows:

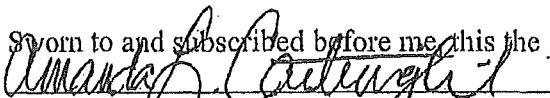
1. I desire to surrender and hereby tender my license to practice law in North Carolina.
2. My surrender is freely and voluntarily rendered. It is not the result of coercion or duress. I am fully aware of the implication of submitting my surrender.
3. I am aware that there is a pending investigation by the State Bar regarding allegations that 1) I misappropriated in excess of \$60,000.00 of entrusted funds and 2) I forged the signature of a notary public on numerous jurats filed in the register of deeds in several counties. On June 1, 2020 I will plead guilty in the Superior Court of Wake County in case file no. 19CR212258 to one count each of felony Common Law Forgery and felony Notary Violation relating to forgery of notary signatures in Wake County.
4. I acknowledge that the material facts upon which the investigation is predicated are true.
5. I am submitting my resignation because I know that if disciplinary charges were predicated upon my conviction, I could not successfully defend against them.

This the 27 day of MAY, 2020.


Peter Stanley Coleman

I, Amanda L. Cartwright, Notary Public of the County of Wake, State of North Carolina, certify that Peter Stanley Coleman 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.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 27th day of May, 2020.


Notary Public

My Commission Expires: July 25, 2024

