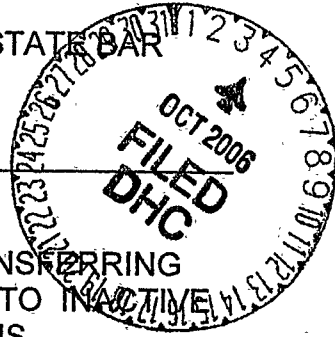


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NORTH CAROLINA
WAKE COUNTY

BEFORE THE
DISCIPLINARY HEARING COMMISSION
OF THE
NORTH CAROLINA STATE BAR
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THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BAR,)
Plaintiff)
v.)
E. ELIZABETH LEFLER, Attorney,)
Defendant)

ORDER TRANSFERRING
DEFENDANT TO INACTIVE
STATUS

This matter came before the Chair of the Disciplinary Hearing Committee in the above captioned proceeding based upon the motions by the Defendant to determine the disability of Defendant and of Plaintiff to immediately transfer Defendant to disability inactive status. Based upon the record in this proceeding, the Chair makes the following

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The North Carolina State Bar filed a complaint against Defendant with the Disciplinary Hearing Commission on April 26, 2006.
2. Defendant did not file a written response to the complaint. Defendant's Entry of Default was noted by the Secretary of the North Carolina State Bar on June 19, 2006.
3. A hearing on Plaintiff's Motion for Order of Discipline was scheduled in this matter for September 29, 2006.
4. On September 27, 2006 Defendant filed a Motion for Classification as Disabled or Suffering From Disability for Physical Condition and for Stay of Disciplinary Hearings, alleging that due to an automobile accident in which she was injured on November 22, 2005 and the medication subsequently prescribed, Defendant is currently physically disabled such that her professional judgment, performance, or competence is impaired.

Based on the forgoing Findings of Fact, the Chair makes the following

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. 27 N.C.A.C. 1B §.0118(c)(1) provides that upon contention by a defendant that he or she is disabled, the disciplinary proceeding will be stayed pending a determination by the hearing committee that such disability exists.

2. Rule .0118 (c) (1) further provides that the defendant will be immediately transferred to disability inactive status pending the conclusion of the disability hearing.

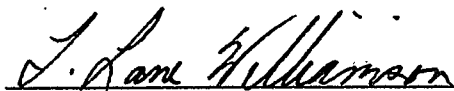
Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, it is hereby

ORDERED

1. The hearing in this disciplinary proceeding scheduled for September 29, 2006 is hereby continued until such time as this Hearing Committee determines whether Defendant suffers from a disability as provided in 27 N.C.A.C. 1B §.0103(19); and

2. Defendant is hereby transferred to disability inactive status effective immediately.

Dated this 28th day of September, 2006.



F. LANE WILLIAMSON, CHAIR
DISCIPLINARY HEARING COMMITTEE