# NORTH CAROLINA

## WAKE COUNTY



# BEFORE THE GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE OF THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BAR 11G0401 & 11G0569

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)	CONSENT ORDER
)	TRANSFERRING ATTORNEY
)	TO DISABILITY
)	INACTIVE STATUS
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This matter is before the undersigned Chair of the Grievance Committee of the North Carolina State Bar pursuant to 27 N.C. Admin. Code 1B §.0118(g). Katherine E. Jean represented the North Carolina State Bar. Alan M. Schneider represented Reid G. Brown. Based upon the evidence presented and with the consent of the member and of the Office of Counsel, the undersigned makes the following:

#### FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. The North Carolina State Bar is a body duly organized under the laws of North Carolina and is the proper party to consent to this proceeding under the authority granted it in Chapter 84 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, and the Rules and Regulations of the North Carolina State Bar promulgated thereunder.
- 2. Reid G. Brown ("Brown") was admitted to the North Carolina State Bar on May 21, 1976 and is an Attorney at Law licensed to practice in North Carolina, subject to the rules, regulations, and Rules of Professional Conduct of the North Carolina State Bar and the laws of the State of North Carolina.
- 3. Brown is actively engaged in the practice of law in the State of North Carolina and maintains a law office in Waynesville, North Carolina.
- 4. Brown is the respondent in grievance file numbers 11G0401 and 11G0569, currently pending before the Grievance Committee.
- 5. Brown suffers from numerous medical conditions including but not limited to heart disease, diabetes, neuropathy and arthritis. These conditions cause chronic pain, sleep deprivation, cognitive impairment, anxiety and depression which significantly impair Brown's professional judgment, performance, or competence as an attorney.
- 6. Brown consents to being transferred to disability inactive status.

BASED UPON the foregoing Findings of Fact, the undersigned makes the following:

### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. There is clear, cogent and convincing evidence that Brown is disabled within the meaning of 27 N.C. Admin. Code 1B §.0103(19).
- 2. Brown should be transferred to disability inactive status with the State Bar.
- 3. Pursuant to 27 N.C. Admin. Code 1B §.0118(g), the proper parties have consented to Brown being transferred to disability inactive status.
- 4. The pending grievances should be stayed during the period of disability.

# THEREFORE, it is hereby ORDERED:

- 1. Reid G. Brown is transferred to disability inactive status.
- 2. Brown shall not practice law in North Carolina until he is no longer disabled and has been returned to active status as a member of the North Carolina State Bar pursuant to the procedures set out in 27 N.C. Admin. Code 1B §.0125(c).
- 3. The pending grievances against Brown are hereby stayed during the period of disability until such time as Brown returns to active status. The State Bar may continue to investigate allegations of misconduct and preserve evidence as necessary pursuant to 27 N.C. Admin. Code 1B §.0118(f).

This the 5th day of MARCH 2014.

John Silverstein, Chair Grievance Committee North Carolina State Bar

CONSENTED TO:

Reid G. Brown

Member, North Carolina State Bar

Alan M. Schneider

Attorney for Reid G. Brown

Katherine E. Jean

Counsel

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