WAKE COUNTY

IN THE GENERAL COURTS OF JUSTICE SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION NORTH CAROLINA

11CRS216881, 11CRS211653, 13CRS646, 11CRS4532

| STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA |) | |
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| v. NICHOLAS A. STRATAS, JR., DEFENDANT. |))) | ORDER OF DISBARMENT |

THIS MATTER came on to be heard and was heard by the undersigned Judge of the Superior Court of Wake County. Based upon the Affidavit of Surrender of Law License submitted to the court by Nicholas A. Stratas, Jr., the Court makes the following:

FINDINGS OF FACT

- Nicholas A. Stratas, Jr. pled guilty to the following criminal offenses: Felony Embezzlement, Felony Forgery (12CRS4532), Felony Obstruction of Justice (11CRS216881), Misdemeanor Larceny (11CRS211653), Unauthorized Use of Motor Vehicle (13CRS646).
- 2. Stratas acknowledged to the Court that he is in fact guilty of the criminal offenses to which he pled guilty.
- 3. The State of North Carolina tendered an offer of proof reflecting that Stratas is in fact guilty of the offenses to which he pled guilty.

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

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. Stratas engaged in criminal conduct that reflects adversely on his professional fitness in violation of North Carolina Rule of Professional Conduct 8.4(b).
- 2. Stratas' misconduct constitutes grounds for discipline pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. Section 84-28(b)(1).

IT IS NOW, THEREFORE, ORDERED:

- 1. Nicholas A. Stratas, Jr. is DISBARRED from the practice of law in North Carolina.
- 2. Stratas shall comply with the provisions of Subchapter B, Section .0124 of the Rules and Regulations of the North Carolina State Bar and shall surrender his license and permanent

membership card to the Secretary of the North Carolina State Bar along with the affidavit required by Subchapter B, Section .0124.

3. The costs of this action are taxed against Nicholas A. Stratas, Jr.

Done and Ordered this _i day of ______, 2013.

Superior Court Judge Presiding

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| . v. |) AFFIDAVIT OF SURRENDER OF LAW LICENSE |
| NICHOLAS A. STRATAS, JR., DEFENDANT. |) |

Nicholas A. Stratas, Jr., 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 pursuant to the provisions of 27 N.C. Admin. Code Chapter 1, Subchapter B, Section .0117 of the N.C. State Bar Discipline & Disability Rules.
- 2. My resignation is freely and voluntarily rendered. It is not the result of coercion or duress. I am fully aware of the implications of submitting my resignation. I affirm that I have obtained the advice and counsel of an attorney before submitting this Affidavit.
- 3. I entered pleas of guilty to the following offenses: Felony Embezzlement, Felony Forgery (12CRS4532), Felony Obstruction of Justice (11CRS216881), Misdemeanor Larceny (11CRS211653), Unauthorized Use of Motor Vehicle (13CRS646). I am in fact guilty of these offenses.
- 5. I acknowledge that the offenses to which I entered guilty pleas are offenses that reflect adversely on my fitness as a lawyer in violation of North Carolina Rule of Professional Conduct 8.4(b).
- 6. I am submitting my resignation because I know that if disciplinary charges were predicated upon my conviction of these offenses, I could not successfully defend against them.

This the / day of February , 2013.

Nicholas A. Stratas, Jr.

I, <u>Karl E. Krudsen</u>, Notary Public of the County of <u>Wake</u>
State of North Carolina, certify that Nicholas A. Stratas, Jr. 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 day of February, 2013

Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 10/10/2013

KARL E. KNUDSEN
NOTARY PUBLIC
WAKE COUNTY, N.C.
My Commission Expires 10-10-2017