

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

CHEROKEE COUNTY

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CHEROKEE COUNTY, N.C.

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IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE

SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION

BEFORE THE SENIOR RESIDENT

SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE OF THE

30A JUDICIAL DISTRICT

15SP155

IN RE: ERIC WINSTON STILES,  
Attorney at Law

)  
) CONSENT ORDER  
) OF  
) INTERIM SUSPENSION  
)

THIS CAUSE coming before the Senior Resident Superior Court Judge of the 30A Judicial District upon consent of the North Carolina State Bar and the Respondent, Eric Winston Stiles. Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 84-28(j) and this Court's inherent authority over attorneys, the Court makes the following:

#### FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Eric Winston Stiles ("Stiles") was licensed to practice law on September 7, 2005.
2. Stiles' last address of record with the North Carolina State Bar is listed as P.O. Box 1565, Bryson City, NC 28713.
3. On November 16, 2015, this Court issued an Order to Show Cause to Stiles for him to show cause why he should not be disciplined for certain conduct detailed in the order. Stiles was served with the Order to Show Cause on November 17, 2015.
4. The Order to Show cause is currently scheduled to be heard on December 15, 2015 in Cherokee County Superior Court before the Honorable Bradley B. Letts.
5. On December 3, 2015, Stiles was arrested and charged with illegally possessing methamphetamine with the intent to sell or deliver and other charges by the Sheriff of Cherokee County.
6. Stiles, with the advice of Counsel, consents to his license to practice law in North Carolina being suspended until further order of this Court.
7. Stiles further consents to this Court appointing a Trustee to wind down his practice and to notify his clients of his unavailability so that they can obtain other counsel.

BASED UPON THE FOREGOING FINDINGS OF FACT, the undersigned makes the following:

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Court has jurisdiction of this cause pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 84-28(j) and pursuant to its inherent authority over attorneys.
2. Due to the serious nature of the charges currently pending against Stiles, his continuing to practice law poses a threat of significant potential harm to his clients, to the public, to the profession, and to the administration of justice.
3. It is in the best interest of Stiles' clients and the public that Stiles' license to practice law in North Carolina be suspended until further order of this Court.
4. It is in the best interest of Stiles' clients that this Court should appoint a Trustee to wind down Stiles' law practice.
5. It is in the best interest of those who would need to be in Cherokee County Superior Court for a hearing on the Order to Show Cause to be relieved from the responsibility of attending a hearing on that date.

THE COURT THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:

1. Eric Winston Stiles is hereby suspended from the practice of law in North Carolina until further order of this Court. This order of suspension shall not prejudice Stiles' ability to petition the Court for a hearing to determine whether he should be reinstated to the practice of law in this State.
2. By separate order, this Court will appoint a Trustee to wind down Stiles' practice and notify his clients of their need to obtain other counsel.
3. North Carolina State Bar Deputy Counsel A. Root Edmonson should be notified of any filings or hearings relating to this matter.
4. This cause is retained for further orders of this Court.

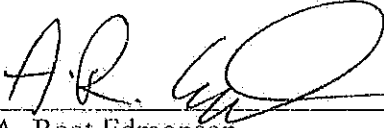
This the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of December, 2015.



William H. Coward  
Senior Resident Superior Court Judge  
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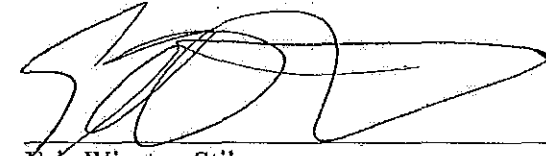
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