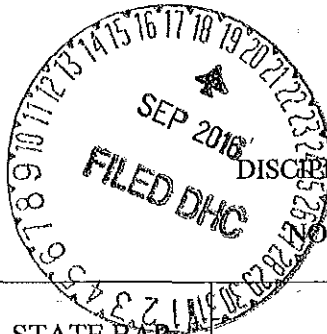


NORTH CAROLINA
WAKE COUNTY



BEFORE THE
DISCIPLINARY HEARING COMMISSION
OF THE
NORTH CAROLINA STATE BAR
15 DHC 10 & 16 BSR4

THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BAR,

Plaintiff

v.

ORDER STAYING SUSPENSION

PAUL B. BROCK,

Defendant/Petitioner

THIS MATTER is before a Hearing Panel of the Disciplinary Hearing Commission composed of Joshua W. Willey, Jr., Chair, Shirley L. Fulton, and Bradley Lail pursuant to a Petition for Order Staying Suspension filed by Paul B. Brock 31 August 2016.

Based upon a review of the records of the Disciplinary Hearing Commission, the Hearing Panel makes the following:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Pursuant to a consent Order of Discipline filed in this matter on 19 August 2015, Brock was suspended from the practice of law for two years.
2. The effective date of the Order of Discipline was 18 September 2015.
3. The Order of Discipline provided that Brock would be eligible to seek a stay of any remaining period of suspension after serving one year of active suspension and upon compliance with conditions stated in the Order of Discipline.
4. As of 18 September 2016, Brock had served one year of active suspension.
5. Brock filed a verified petition on 31 August 2016 requesting a stay of the remaining period of his suspension and seeking reinstatement to active status subject to conditions and requirements set forth in the Order.
6. The Order of Discipline requires that Brock be in compliance with conditions set out therein to qualify for a stay of the remaining period of suspension.
7. In his verified petition, Brock certified that he has satisfied all of the conditions in the Order of Discipline for a stay of the remaining period of his suspension.

8. After conducting an investigation of Brock's compliance with the requirements set forth in 27 N.C.A.C. 1B § .0125(b) and the conditions in the Order of Discipline, counsel for the North Carolina State Bar did not file a response objecting to Brock's petition for stay of the suspension.

BASED UPON the foregoing Findings of Fact, the Hearing Panel makes the following:

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. All parties are properly before the Disciplinary Hearing Commission and the Disciplinary Hearing Commission has jurisdiction over Petitioner, Paul B. Brock, and the subject matter of this proceeding.

2. Petitioner, Paul B. Brock, has satisfied the requirements set forth in Rule .0125(b) and the conditions in the Order of Discipline for a stay of his suspension and reinstatement to active status subject to Brock's continued compliance with all of the conditions set forth in paragraph 7 of the "Order of Discipline" section of the 19 August 2015 Order of Discipline.

THEREFORE, it is hereby ORDERED:

1. Brock's 31 August 2016 Petition for Order Staying Suspension is ALLOWED, the balance of the suspension of his law license is stayed, and he shall be permitted to resume practicing law subject to the conditions set forth in paragraph 2, below.

2. The remaining period of Brock's suspension of his law license is stayed as long as he continues to comply with the following conditions:

- a. Brock shall keep his address of record current with the State Bar and respond to all letters of notice and requests for information from the State Bar by the deadline stated in the communication;
- b. Brock shall timely comply with his State Bar membership and continuing legal education requirements and pay all fees and costs assessed by the applicable deadline;
- c. Brock shall participate fully and timely in the fee dispute resolution process when notified of any petitions for resolution of disputed fees;
- d. Brock shall not violate the laws of the United States or any state or local government, other than minor traffic violations; and
- e. Brock shall not violate any provision of the Rules of Professional Conduct.

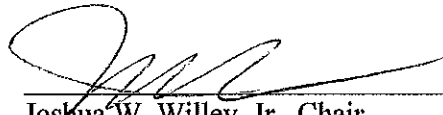
3. If Brock fails to comply with any one or more of the conditions stated in Paragraph 2 above, then the stay of the suspension of his law license may be lifted as provided in § .0114(x) of the North Carolina State Bar Discipline and Disability Rules. If the stay granted herein is lifted or the suspension of Brock's license is activated for any reason, before seeking reinstatement or a subsequent stay Brock must show by clear, cogent, and convincing evidence that he has complied with the following conditions during the active suspension:

- a. That he has kept the North Carolina State Bar Membership Department advised of his current business and home addresses and notified the State Bar of any change in address within ten days of such change;
- b. That he has accepted all certified mail from the North Carolina State Bar, responded to all communications from the State Bar by the deadline stated in the communication, and participated in good faith in the State Bar's fee dispute resolution process for any petition received after the effective date of this Order;
- c. That he has not violated the Rules of Professional Conduct or the laws of the United States or any state or local government during his suspension, other than minor traffic violations;
- d. That he properly wound down his law practice and complied with the requirements of §.0124 of the North Carolina State Bar Discipline and Disability Rules.

4. The Disciplinary Hearing Commission will retain jurisdiction of this matter pursuant to § .0114(x) of the North Carolina State Bar Discipline and Disability Rules throughout the period of stayed suspension.

5. The stay of the remainder of Brock's suspension is effective immediately upon the filing of this Order.

Signed by the undersigned Chair with the knowledge and consent of the other members of the Hearing Panel, the 14th of September, 2016.


Joshua W. Willey, Jr., Chair
Disciplinary Hearing Panel