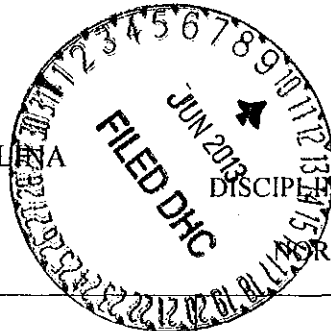


STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
WAKE COUNTY



BEFORE THE  
DISCIPLINARY HEARING COMMISSION  
OF THE  
NORTH CAROLINA STATE BAR  
13 DHC 14

THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BAR,

Plaintiff

v.

STEPHEN R. MELVIN, Attorney,

Defendant

ORDER OF  
DISBARMENT

THIS MATTER came before the Chair of the Disciplinary Hearing Commission pursuant to 27 N.C.A.C. 1B § .0117(d) upon an Affidavit of Surrender of Law License executed by Stephen R. Melvin dated 6 June 2013 and filed with the Clerk of the Disciplinary Hearing Commission on 10 June 2013.

Based upon the pleadings and the record, including the Affidavit of Surrender of Law License, the undersigned makes the following:

#### FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Defendant, Stephen R. Melvin, was licensed to practice law in North Carolina in August 1981.
2. During all periods relevant hereto, Defendant was engaged in the practice of law in Fayetteville, Cumberland County, North Carolina.
3. In this disciplinary action the State Bar has alleged that Melvin used entrusted funds for the benefit of himself and/or third parties without authorization from the beneficial owners of the funds.
4. In his Affidavit of Surrender, Melvin admits the truth of the allegations against him and acknowledges that he cannot successfully defend against those allegations.
5. Defendant has indicated his wish to consent to disbarment by filing an Affidavit of Surrender with the Disciplinary Hearing Commission. The affidavit meets the requirements set forth in N.C.A.C. 1B § .0117(a)(1), (2), (3), & (4) and § .0117(d).

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

### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. 27 N.C.A.C. 1B § .0108 provides that the Chair of the Disciplinary Hearing Commission has the power to enter orders disbarring members by consent.

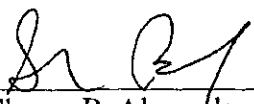
2. Defendant's affidavit meets the requirements set forth in N.C.A.C. 1B § .0117(a)(1), (2), (3), & (4) and § .0117(d), and the facts upon which the affidavit is predicated warrant Defendant's disbarment.

Based upon the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the undersigned Chair of the Disciplinary Hearing Commission enters the following

### ORDER

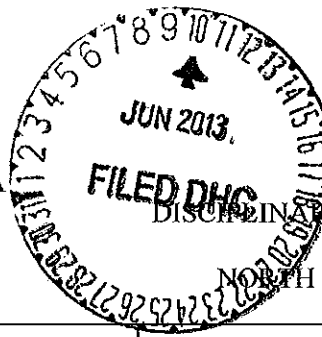
1. The surrender of the law license of Stephen R. Melvin is hereby accepted.
2. Stephen R. Melvin is DISBARRED from the practice of law in North Carolina effective upon the entry of this order with the Secretary of the State Bar.
3. Defendant shall comply with Rule .0124 of the State Bar Discipline and Disability Rules, 27 N.C.A.C. 1B § .0124.
4. The costs of this action are taxed against Defendant.

This the 10 day of June, 2013.

  
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Sharon B. Alexander, Chair  
Disciplinary Hearing Commission

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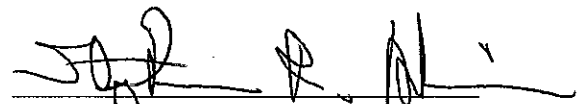
AFFIDAVIT OF  
SURRENDER OF  
LAW LICENSE

Stephen R. Melvin, first being duly sworn, deposes and says as follows:

1. I desire to resign and hereby tender my license to practice law in North Carolina.
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.
3. I am aware that there is pending a complaint against me before the Disciplinary Hearing Commission regarding allegations that I failed to properly monitor and document activity in my trust account, and that I misappropriated entrusted funds.
4. I acknowledge that the material facts upon which the pending complaint is predicated are true.
5. I am submitting my resignation because I know that I could not successfully defend against the pending disciplinary charges.

This the 6<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2013.

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Stephen R. Melvin

I, Evelyn W. Manuszewski Notary Public of the County of Cumberland, State of North Carolina, certify that Stephen R. Melvin 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.

This the 6 day of June, 2013.

June 6, 2013

Evelyn W. Manuszewski  
Notary Public

My Commission Expires: November 9, 2013

