

BEFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE ORTH CAROLINA STATE BAR 16 BCS 2

IN THE MATTER OF THE TENDER OF SURRENDER OF LICENSE OF

ORDER OF DISBARMENT

JACK B. STYLES

THIS MATTER coming on to be heard and being heard by the Council of the North Carolina State Bar pursuant to 27 N.C. Admin. Code, Chapter 1, Subchapter B, § .0117(a) of the State Bar Discipline & Disability Rules upon tender of an affidavit of surrender of license executed by Jack B. Styles ("Styles") on April 14, 2016 and filed in the offices of the North Carolina State Bar on April 14, 2016.

Based upon the affidavit, the Council finds that Jack B. Styles misappropriated funds entrusted to him in a fiduciary capacity in violation of Rules 8.4(b); 8.4(c) and 1.15-2(j) of the Rules of Professional Conduct. Jack B. Style's conduct is grounds for discipline pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 84-28(b)(2).

WHEREFORE, upon motion made and duly seconded, the Council enters the following Order:

- 1. The tender of surrender of license of Jack B. Styles is hereby accepted.
- 2. Jack B. Styles is hereby DISBARRED from the practice of law in North Carolina.
- 3. Styles shall comply with the provisions of 27 N.C. Admin. Code, Chapter 1, Subchapter B, § .0124 of the State Bar Discipline & Disability Rules. Styles shall surrender his license and permanent membership card to the Secretary of the North Carolina State Bar along with the affidavit required by § .0124 of the State Bar Discipline & Disability Rules within ten days after the expiration of the wind-down period provided under § .0117(e).
- 4. The administrative fees and costs of this action are taxed against Styles.
- 5. Styles shall comply with the reinstatement provisions of 27 N.C. Admin. Code, Chapter 1, Subchapter B, § .0125 and as a condition precedent to reinstatement shall reimburse all misappropriated fiduciary funds in the amounts and to the recipients determined by the Disciplinary Hearing Commission upon consideration of his petition for reinstatement.
- 6. Within 15 days of the effective date of this Order Styles shall provide the State Bar with an address and telephone number at which clients seeking return of files can communicate with Styles and obtain such files.
- 7. Styles shall promptly return client files in his possession, custody, or control to clients upon request, within 5 days of receipt of such request.

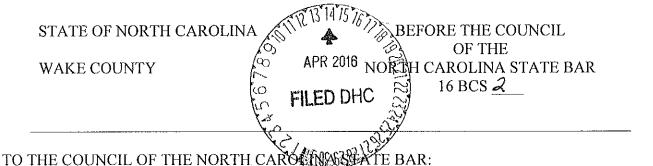
8. Styles will be deemed to have received any such request 3 days after the date such request is sent to Styles if the request is sent to the address Styles provided the State Bar pursuant to the preceding paragraph.

Done and ordered this the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of April, 2016

Margaret M Hunt, President

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The North Carolina State Bar



Jack B. Styles, being first duly sworn, deposes and says as follows:

- 1. I desire to surrender and hereby tender my license to practice law in North Carolina.
- My surrender is freely and voluntarily rendered, and is not the result of coercion or 2. duress. I am fully aware of the implications of submitting my resignation.
- I am aware that there is a pending investigation by the State Bar regarding allegations 3. that I misappropriated at least \$84,542.50 of fiduciary funds.
- 4. I acknowledge that the material facts upon which the investigation is predicated are true.
- I am submitting my resignation because I know that if disciplinary charges were 5. predicated upon the misconduct under investigation, I could not successfully defend against them.

	This is the 14 day of	, 2016.	
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		Jack B. Styles	
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I, Kebecca S. Carroll, Notary Public of the County of Harnett , State of North Carolina, certify that Jack B. Styles personally appeared before me this day, was sworn, attested that the foregoing Affidavit is true and accurate of her own personal knowledge, and executed the foregoing Affidavit.

This the 14th April , 2016.

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Notary Public

My commission expires: 10/3/2018

REBECCA S. CARROLL **NOTARY PUBLIC** HARNETT COUNTY, N.C. My Commission Expires 10-03-2018.