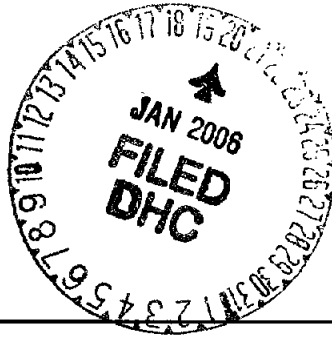


NORTH CAROLINA
WAKE COUNTY



BEFORE THE COUNCIL
OF THE
NORTH CAROLINA STATE BAR
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IN THE MATTER OF THE TENDER)	
OF SURRENDER OF LICENSE OF)	
)	ORDER OF DISBARMENT
)	
CLIFTON WEST, Attorney)	

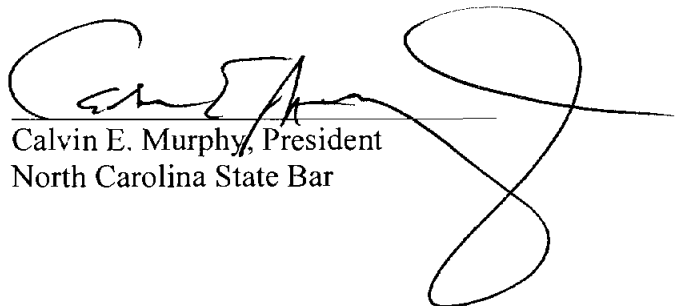
THIS MATTER coming on to be heard and being heard by the Council of the North Carolina State Bar pursuant to 27 N.C. Admin. Code Chapter 1, Subchapter B, §.0117(a) of the State Bar Discipline & Disability Rules upon an affidavit of tender of surrender of license executed by Clifton West on December 2, 2005 and filed in the offices of the North Carolina State Bar on December 5, 2005.

Based upon the affidavit, the Council finds that Clifton West's guilty plea entered on November 15, 2005 in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina, File number 5:05-CR-4-04-F-3, to one felony count of conspiracy to commit wire fraud in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 371 is grounds for discipline pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 84-28(b)(1) and (b)(2) in that Clifton West violated Rules 8.4(b) and (c) of the Revised Rules of Professional Conduct.

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

1. The tender of surrender of license of Clifton West is hereby accepted.
2. Clifton West is hereby DISBARRED from the practice of law in North Carolina.
3. The costs of this action are taxed against Clifton West.

DONE AND ORDERED this 20th day of January 2006.



Calvin E. Murphy, President
North Carolina State Bar

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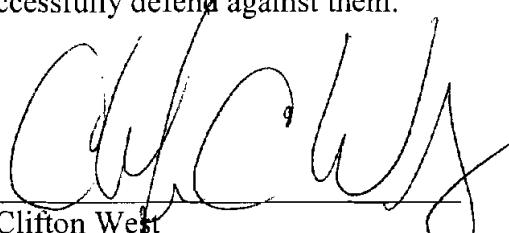


AFFIDAVIT OF SURRENDER

Clifton West, 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 implication of submitting my resignation.
3. I am aware that there is pending an investigation arising out of the following: On November 15, 2005, I entered a plea of guilty in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina, File No. 5:05-CR-4-04-F-3, to one felony count of conspiracy to commit wire fraud in violation of 18 U.S.C. Sec. 371.
4. I acknowledge that the material facts upon which my guilty plea was based are true.
5. I am submitting my resignation because I know that if disciplinary charges were predicated upon my guilty plea, I could not successfully defend against them.

This the 2nd day of December 2005.


Clifton West

Sworn to and subscribed before me
this the 2nd day of December, 2005.


Notary Public

My commission expires: 9-30-09

