NORTH CAROLINA WAKE COUNTY



BEFORE THE GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE OF THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BAR 06G0250, 06G0458, 06G0840

IN RE:)	CONSENT ORDER
)	TRANSFERRING MEMBER
)	TO DISABILITY
LEWIS W. HOGGARD)	INACTIVE STATUS

This matter is before the undersigned Chairperson of the North Carolina State Bar's Grievance Committee pursuant to 27 NCAC 1B, § .0118(g); with deputy counsel Carmen K. Hoyme and Brian P.D. Oten representing the North Carolina State Bar and Lewis W. Hoggard representing himself. Based upon the information provided by Lewis W. Hoggard, and with the consent of Lewis W. Hoggard and deputy counsel, the undersigned makes the following:

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. The North Carolina State Bar is a body duly organized under the laws of North Carolina and is the proper party to consent to this order under the authority granted it in Chapter 84 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, and the Rules and Regulations of the North Carolina State Bar promulgated thereunder.
- 2. Lewis W. Hoggard (hereinafter "Hoggard") was admitted to the North Carolina State Bar on 18 August 1995 and is an Attorney at Law licensed to practice law in North Carolina, subject to the rules, regulations, and the Rules of Professional Conduct of the North Carolina State Bar and the laws of North Carolina.
- 3. Hoggard actively engaged in the practice of law in the State of North Carolina, and maintained a law office in the city of Windsor, Bertie County, North Carolina.
- 4. Hoggard presently suffers from drug and alcohol dependency that significantly impairs his professional judgment, performance or competence as an attorney.
- 5. Certified Substance Abuse Counselor Etta H. Draper has diagnosed Hoggard as suffering from alcohol and cocaine dependency that adversely affects his ability to practice law.
 - 6. Hoggard consents to being transferred to disability inactive status.

BASED UPON the foregoing Findings of Fact, the undersigned makes the following:

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. Pursuant to 27 NCAC 1B, § .0118(g), the proper parties have consented to Hoggard being transferred to disability inactive status.
 - 2. Hoggard should be transferred to disability inactive status with the State Bar.
- 3. Hoggard has voluntarily consented to being transferred to disability inactive status pursuant to 27 NCAC 1B § .0118(g).
- 4. Pursuant to 27 NCAC 1B § .0118 (d)(1), the above-referenced grievances against Hoggard shall be stayed during the period of disability.

THEREFORE, it is hereby ORDERED:

- 1. Lewis W. Hoggard is transferred to disability inactive status.
- 2. Hoggard shall refrain from practicing law in North Carolina until he is no longer disabled and has been returned to active status as a member of the North Carolina State Bar pursuant to the procedures set out in 27 NCAC 1B, § .0125(c).
- 3. The pending grievances against Hoggard shall be stayed during the period of disability.

This is the 18 Hday of March, 2008.

James R. Fox, Chair Grievance Committee

North Carolina State Bar

CONSENTED TO:

Lewis W. Hoggard, Member

North Carolina State Bar

Carmen K. Hoyme, Deputy Counsel

North Carolina State Bar