

NORTH CAROLINA
WAKE COUNTY

BEFORE THE
COUNCIL
OF THE
NORTH CAROLINA STATE BAR
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IN THE MATTER OF:

TENDER OF SURRENDER OF LICENSE OF

WILLIAM J. HOUCK

ORDER OF DISBARMENT

This matter coming on to be heard and being heard before the Council of the North Carolina State Bar on April 17, 1992 pursuant to Section 17 of Article IX of the Rules and Regulations of the North Carolina State Bar; and based upon the affidavit executed by William J. Houck on March 31, 1992, the Council makes the following FINDINGS OF FACT:

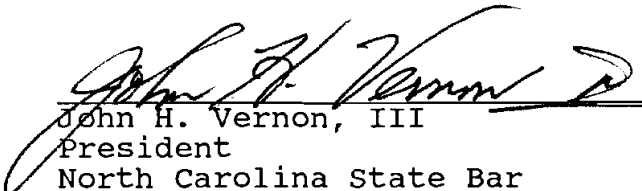
1. Houck misappropriated funds of clients J. White Iddings and Robert Klinger.
2. Houck misappropriated funds from the trust account of Joe Cagle, Attorney at Law.
3. Houck commingled personal funds with clients' funds in his trust account.
4. Houck neglected client matters.

BASED UPON the admissions in Houck's affidavit, the Council concludes that Houck violated N. C. Gen. Stat. Sec. 84-28(b)(2) by violating Rules 1.2(B) and (C), 10.1(A) and (C), and 6(B)(3) of the Rules of Professional Conduct.

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

1. The tender of surrender of license of William J. Houck should be accepted.
2. William J. Houck is hereby DISBARRED from the practice of law in North Carolina.
3. That the costs of this action are taxed to William J. Houck as assessed by the Secretary.

DONE AND ORDERED this the 17th day of April, 1992.


John H. Vernon, III
President
North Carolina State Bar

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NORTH CAROLINA

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AFFIDAVIT

To: The Council of the North Carolina State Bar

I, William J. Houck, hereby tender my license to practice pursuant to Article IX, Section 17(a) of the Rules and Regulations of the North Carolina State Bar and desire to resign from the North Carolina State Bar. My resignation is tendered freely and voluntarily, is not the result of coercion or duress, and I am fully aware of the implications of submitting this resignation.

I am aware that there are presently pending investigations or other proceedings regarding allegations that I have been guilty of misconduct, to wit:

Misappropriation of client funds of J White Iddings and Robert Klinger.

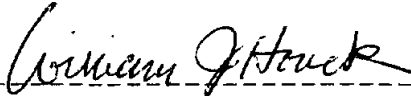
Misappropriation of client funds from the trust account of Mr. Joe Cagle, Attorney at Law.

Co-mingling of client and personal funds in my trust accounts.

Neglect of client interests and cases.

I acknowledge that the material facts upon which the grievances are predicated are true. I am submitting my resignation because I know that if charges were predicated upon the misconduct under investigation, I could not successfully defend against them.

This the 31 day of March, 1992.



William J. Houck

Subscribed and sworn to before me this
the 31 day of March, 1992.



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My Commission Expires 10-15-94