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NORTH CAROLINA
WAKE COUNTY

BEFORE THE COUNCIL
OF THE
NORTH CAROLINA STATE BAR
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IN THE TENDER OF SURRENDER OF)
LICENSE OF)
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) ORDER OF DISCIPLINE
)
JOHN KEVIN STOKES)
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This matter coming on to be heard and being heard upon an affidavit of John Kevin Stokes filed in the offices of the North Carolina State Bar on December 11, 1987 pursuant to §17 of Article IX of the Rules and Regulations of the North Carolina State Bar; and

BASED UPON the admissions contained in the affidavit, the Council finds that John Kevin Stokes engaged in misconduct by:

1. Appropriating the proceeds of a client's money to his own use.
2. Signing or directing someone to sign a notary's name on legal documents and affixing the notary seal without the knowledge or consent of the notary.
3. Appropriating a client's funds to his own use in a real estate settlement and presenting the client with a worthless check.

BASED UPON these findings, the Council concludes that John Kevin Stokes violated Rules 1.2(B), 1.2(C), 10.2(A), 10.2(E), 10.1(A) and 1.2(D), of the Rules of Professional Conduct.

THEREFORE, upon motion duly made and seconded, the Council enters the following ORDER OF DISCIPLINE:

1. The tender of surrender of license of John Kevin Stokes should be accepted.
2. John Kevin Stokes is hereby DISBARRED from the practice of law in North Carolina.

3. John Kevin Stokes is taxed with the costs of this action.

Done and Ordered this the 15th day of January, 1988.

James Y. Preston
James Y. Preston, President
The North Carolina State Bar