

THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BAR,

Plaintiff,

CONSENT ORDER STAY OF SUSPENSION

V.

STEVEN M. CHEUVRONT, Attorney,

Defendant.

This matter was considered by a Hearing Panel of the Disciplinary Hearing Commission ("DHC") composed of Joshua W. Willey, Chair, and members Irvin W. Hankins, III, and Randy A. Moreau. Plaintiff was represented by G. Patrick Murphy. Defendant, Steven M. Cheuvront (hereinafter "Cheuvront" or "Defendant"), was represented by Alan M. Schneider. This matter is before the DHC upon petition by Cheuvront for a stay of the remainder of the suspension imposed in the Order of Discipline in this case. Based on Cheuvront's petition and with the consent of the parties, the Hearing Panel hereby finds by clear, cogent and convincing evidence the following

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Plaintiff, the North Carolina State Bar, is a body duly organized under the laws of North Carolina and is the proper party to bring this proceeding 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 (Chapter 1 of Title 27 of the North Carolina Administrative Code).
- 2. Defendant was admitted to the North Carolina State Bar on March 21, 1998. Cheuvront's law license was suspended for two years by the Order of Discipline entered in this matter, effective April 3, 2014.
- 3. The Order of Discipline provided that after serving one year of the active suspension, Cheuvront could apply to have the remainder of the suspension stayed upon filing a petition and showing compliance with the conditions stated in the Order of Discipline.

- 4. On April 8, 2015, Cheuvront filed a petition requesting a stay of the remaining portion of his active suspension and seeking reinstatement to active status subject to the continuing conditions set forth in the Order of Discipline.
- 5. In his verified petition, Cheuvront stated that he has satisfied all of the conditions in the Order of Discipline for a stay of the remaining period of his suspension.
- 6. After conducting an investigation of the requirements set out in 27 N.C.A.C. 1B .0125(b) and the conditions of the Order of Discipline, Counsel for the North Carolina State Bar did not find any grounds to object to the petition for stay of the remaining part of the suspension.

Based upon the foregoing Findings of Fact, the Hearing Panel makes the following

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. All the parties are properly before the Hearing Panel and the Panel has jurisdiction over Defendant and the subject matter of this proceeding.
- 2. Cheuvront has satisfied the conditions in the Order of Discipline for a stay of his suspension and reinstatement to active status, subject to the continuing conditions set forth in the Order of Discipline.
- 3. Cheuvront's reinstatement to active status should be conditioned upon continued compliance with the conditions and requirements in the Order of Discipline.

Based upon the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the Hearing Panel enters the following:

ORDER

- 1. The remainder of the suspension of Cheuvront's law license is stayed and Cheuvront is reinstated to the active practice of law as of the date of this Order.
- 2. The stay of the remaining suspension is subject to the terms, conditions, and requirements set forth in the Order of Discipline, which is attached hereto and hereby incorporated by reference.
- 3. The Disciplinary Hearing Commission will retain jurisdiction of this matter pursuant to 27 N.C. Admin. Code 1B Sec. .0114(x) of the North Carolina State Bar Discipline and Disability Rules throughout the period of the stayed suspension.

CONSENTED TO BY:

steven M. Cheuvront

Defendant

Alan M. Schneider Attorney for Defendant G. Patrick Murphy Attorney for Plaintiff