

WAKE COUNTY

IN THE GENERAL COURTS OF JUSTICE
SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION

NORTH CAROLINA

THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BAR,
PETITIONER,

v.

MARVIN RAY SPARROW,
RESPONDENT.CONSENT ORDER
OF SUSPENSION

THIS MATTER came on to be heard and was heard by the undersigned Judge of Superior Court of Wake County on motion of Petitioner, the North Carolina State Bar. Petitioner was represented by Katherine E. Jean. Respondent, Marvin Ray Sparrow, was represented by Sean Devereux. Based upon the consent of the parties, the Court makes the following:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent, Marvin Ray Sparrow ("Sparrow"), was licensed to practice law in North Carolina on August 21, 1983.
2. Sparrow's address of record on file with the North Carolina State Bar is 175 N. Main Street, Rutherfordton, North Carolina 28139.
3. The State Bar's preliminary investigation indicates that Sparrow has engaged in professional misconduct.
4. Sparrow's continued practice of law may pose a threat of significant harm to the public and to the administration of justice.
5. The factual allegations under investigation by the State Bar raise substantial concern about Sparrow's current fitness to practice law.
6. Sparrow desires to cooperate with the State Bar.
7. To protect the public and the administration of justice, Sparrow's license to practice law in North Carolina should be suspended, Sparrow should be prohibited from rendering or offering to render any legal services in North Carolina, and Sparrow should be prohibited from representing to any person that he is presently qualified to provide legal services in North Carolina.

8. A need for prompt action exists to protect the public and the administration of justice.

Based upon the foregoing Findings of Fact, the Court makes the following


CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Court has jurisdiction of this cause pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 84-28(j) and pursuant to its inherent authority over attorneys.
2. Prompt action, pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 84-28(f), is necessary to protect the public and the administration of justice pending completion of the State Bar's investigation and conclusion of any disciplinary proceedings arising out of the allegations of misconduct.
3. To protect the public and the administration of justice, and pursuant to this Court's inherent authority over attorneys, Sparrow's license to practice law in North Carolina should be suspended, Sparrow should be prohibited from rendering or offering to render any legal services in North Carolina, and Sparrow should be prohibited from representing in any form to any person that he is presently qualified to provide legal services in North Carolina, until further order of the Court.


THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:


1. Effective upon entry of this Order, the law license of Marvin Ray Sparrow is suspended until further order of this Court.
2. Effective upon entry of this Order, Sparrow is prohibited from rendering or offering to render any legal services in North Carolina and is prohibited from representing in any form to any person that he is presently qualified to provide legal services in North Carolina, until further order of the Court.
3. This Order is without prejudice to Sparrow's right to request a hearing to determine whether he should be reinstated to the practice of law in this State.
4. This Order shall remain in effect until further order of this Court.


THIS the 11th day of September, 2015.


AC Donald W. Stephens
AC Senior Resident Superior Court Judge

WE CONSENT:


Marvin Ray Sparrow
Respondent


Sean Devereaux
Counsel for Respondent


Katherine E. Jean
Attorney for Petitioner
The North Carolina State Bar