WAKE COUNTY
NORTH CAROLINA



BEFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BAR 09 BCS 3

IN RE TENDER OF SURRENDER OF LICENSE OF VICTORIA L. SPROUSE

ORDER OF DISBARMENT

THIS MATTER was heard by the Council of the North Carolina State Bar pursuant to 27 N.C.A.C. 1B §.0117 (a) of the State Bar Discipline and Disability Rules upon the affidavit of tender of surrender of license executed by Victoria L. Sprouse on April 3, 2009, and filed in the offices of the State Bar on April 14, 2009.

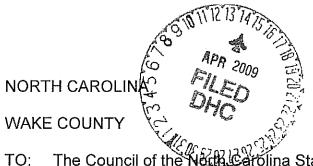
Based on the affidavit, the Council finds that Victoria L. Sprouse was convicted on April 1, 2009 in Federal Court for the Western District of North Carolina of 18 counts of felony mail, wire and/or bank fraud, conspiracy and money laundering. This conduct constitutes grounds for discipline, under N.C. Gen. Stat. § 84-28 (b)(1) and (b)(2), in that Sprouse violated Rule 8.4 of the Revised Rules of Professional Conduct.

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

- 1. The tender of surrender of the license of Victoria L. Sprouse is hereby accepted.
- 2. Victoria L. Sprouse hereby is DISBARRED from the practice of law in North Carolina.
- 3. Victoria L. Sprouse shall comply with the provisions of 27 NCAC 1B § .0124 of the State Bar Discipline and Disability Rules and shall surrender her license and permanent membership card to the Secretary of the North Carolina State Bar along with the affidavit required by 27 NCAC 1B § .0124 of the State Bar Discipline and Disability Rules.
- 4. The costs of this action are taxed against Victoria L. Sprouse.

Done and ordered this the 24<sup>72</sup> day of April, 2009.

John∖B. McMillan, President The Morth Carolina State Bar



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## AFFIDAVIT OF SURRENDER

Victoria L. Sprouse, being first duly sworn, deposes and says as follows:

- 1. I desire to resign and hereby tender my license to practice law in North Carolina pursuant to State Bar Discipline & Disability Rule 27 NCAC 1B §.0117.
- 2. My resignation is freely and voluntarily rendered, and is not the result of coercion or duress. I am fully aware of the implications of submitting my resignation.
- 3. I am aware that there is a pending investigation by the State Bar regarding my conviction on April 1, 2009 in Federal Court for the Western District of North Carolina of 18 counts of felony mail, wire and/or bank fraud, conspiracy and money laundering.
- 4. I acknowledge that the material fact upon which the investigation is predicated. that on April 1, 2009 I was convicted in Federal Court for the Western District of North Carolina of 18 counts of felony mail, wire and/or bank fraud, conspiracy and money laundering is true.
- 5. I am submitting my resignation because I know that if disciplinary charges were predicated upon the misconduct under investigation relating to my conviction of the above referenced charges, I could not successfully defend against them.

This is the $3$ day of $April 20$ , 20	009.
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Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 3 day of April

My commission expires: December 2,