NORTH CAROLINA WAKE COUNTY

BEFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BA 04 BCS 6

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OF DISBARMENT			

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IN THE MATTER OF THE TENDER)	
OF SURRENDER OF LICENSE)	ORDER
OF ROMAN C. PIBL)	

THIS MATTER coming on to be heard and being heard by the Council of the North Carolina State Bar pursuant to 27 N.C. Admin. Code Chapter 1, Subchapter B, § .0117(a) of the State Bar Discipline & Disability Rules upon an affidavit of tender of surrender of license executed by Roman C. Pibl on Oct. 20, 2004 and filed in the offices of the North Carolina State Bar on Oct. 20, 2004.

Based upon the affidavit, the Council finds that the conduct of Roman C. Pibl in misappropriating client and/or fiduciary funds and funds belonging to his former law firm is grounds for discipline pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 84-28(b)(2) in that Roman C. Pibl violated Rules 8.4(b) and (c) 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 license of Roman C. Pibl is hereby accepted.
- 2. Roman C. Pibl is DISBARRED from the practice of law in North Carolina.
- 3. Roman C. Pibl shall comply with the provisions of 27 N.C.A.C. Chapter 1, Subchapter B, § .0124 of the State Bar Discipline & Disbarment Rules and shall surrender his license and permanent membership card to the Secretary of the North Carolina State Bar along with the affidavit required by § .0124 of the State Bar Discipline & Disbarment Rules.
 - 4. The costs of this action are taxed against Roman C. Pibl.

Done and ordered this 22th day of October, 2004

Robert F. Siler, President

The N.C. State Bar

NORTH CAP)	BEFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BAR 04 BCS
IN RE:	ROMAN C. PIBL, ATTORNEY AT LAW	AFFIDAVIT TENDERING THE SURRENDER OF THE LICENSE OF ROMAN C. PIBL

I, Roman C. Pibl, being first duly sworn, say:

- 1. I desire to resign and hereby tender my license to practice law in North Carolina pursuant to the provisions of Section .0117 of Subchapter 1B of the Rules and Regulations of the North Carolina State Bar.
- 2. My resignation is freely and voluntarily rendered. It is not the result of coercion or duress. I am fully aware of the implications of submitting my resignation.
- I am aware that there is presently pending an investigation regarding allegations that I committed professional misconduct by falsely misrepresenting to a client the status of his civil case, by preparing a false bill for services rendered, and by preparing a false court order in the case. I also understand that there is a separate investigation regarding allegations that I committed professional misconduct by placing a client fee that should have gone to my firm, into my personal bank account, and that in so doing I misappropriated funds in the amount of \$13,050.00 for my personal use and benefit. These funds have since been paid to the firm. Finally, I acknowledge that there is an investigation involving my handling of two environmental trust accounts and the propriety of multiple payments in the approximate amount of \$63,000 made to me.
- 4. I acknowledge that the material facts upon which the investigation is predicated are true.
- 5. My resignation is being submitted because I know that if charges were predicated upon the misconduct under investigation, I could not successfully defend against them. In addition, I do not want to continue to cause my family and friends pain by asking them to defend me because it is not worth the emotional and personal price. Finally, I desire to pursue an alternative career in which I can give more back to my community.
- 6. This Affidavit and all statements herein are propounded solely for the purpose of this professional disciplinary proceeding and any future professional licensure reinstatement proceedings, and are specifically not intended as admissions of any wrongdoing outside the scope of or for any purpose other than responding to this proceeding, nor are they intended to be used for any other purposes in any other actions, civil or criminal.
- 7. I understand that this Affidavit will be submitted for approval to the State Bar Council on October 22, 2004 and I waive further notice of that meeting.

Respectfully submitted, this the $\frac{2\omega^4}{}$ day of	<u>60.</u>	2004.
	Roman C. Pibl, Attorn	ney at Law
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