

NORTH CAROLINA
WAKE COUNTY

BEFORE THE
DISCIPLINARY HEARING COMMISSION
OF THE
NORTH CAROLINA STATE BAR
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THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BAR,
Plaintiff

v.

ALEXANDER L. LAPINSKI, Attorney,
Defendant

CONSENT ORDER OF
INTERIM SUSPENSION

THIS CAUSE came on for consideration before the undersigned Chair of the Disciplinary Hearing Commission pursuant to 27 N.C.A.C. 1B § .0115(d). Plaintiff, the North Carolina State Bar, is represented by Katherine E. Jean. Defendant, Alexander L. Lapinski, is represented by Locke T. Clifford. Based upon the Plea Agreement and the Factual Basis for a Guilty Plea contained in the record and based upon the consent of the parties, the undersigned makes the following:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Defendant was licensed to practice law in North Carolina in 2003.
2. Defendant's address of record with the North Carolina State Bar is 1906 E. NC Highway 54, Ste. 200-F, Durham, North Carolina 27713.
3. On Friday, March 16, 2012, Defendant tendered a plea of guilty in the United States District Court for the Middle District of North Carolina, in file no. 1:12CR86-1, to one count of unlawful procurement of citizenship or naturalization under 18 U.S.C. §1425 by aiding and abetting his client in seeking United States citizenship under a false name, a felony.
4. The North Carolina State Bar will file a formal complaint against Defendant alleging he has violated the Rules of Professional Conduct based upon his felony conviction and upon the conduct on which the conviction was based.

Based upon the foregoing Findings of Fact the undersigned makes the following

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The crime of which Defendant was convicted is a criminal offense showing professional unfitness as defined in 27 N.C.A.C. 1B § .0103 (17).

2. 27 N.C.A.C. 1B § .0115 provides that the Chair of the Disciplinary Hearing Commission may enter an order suspending a member from practicing law pending disposition of disciplinary proceedings based upon conviction of such crime.

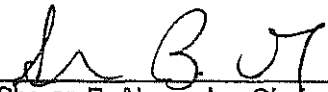
Based upon the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the undersigned Chair of the Disciplinary Hearing Commission enters the following

ORDER

1. The license of Alexander L. Lapinski to practice law in North Carolina is hereby **SUSPENDED** until the conclusion of all disciplinary proceedings before the Disciplinary Hearing Commission relating to Defendant's felony conviction in the United States District Court for the Middle District of North Carolina and relating to the conduct underlying such conviction.

2. Lapinski will comply with all requirements of 27 N.C.A.C. 1B § .0124 of the North Carolina State Bar Discipline & Disability Rules for winding down his law practice.


This the 22 day of March, 2012.


Sharon B. Alexander, Chair
Disciplinary Hearing Commission

CONSENTED TO:


Alexander L. Lapinski, Defendant


Locke T. Clifford, Counsel for Defendant



Katherine E. Jean, Counsel for Plaintiff