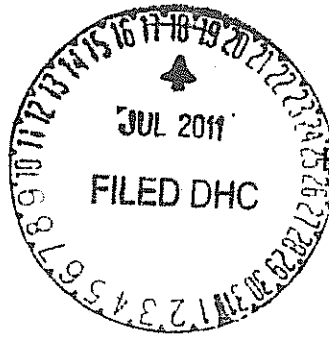


WAKE COUNTY  
NORTH CAROLINA



BEFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE  
NORTH CAROLINA STATE BAR  
11 BCS 2

IN RE TENDER OF SURRENDER OF  
LICENSE OF

ORDER OF DISBARMENT

CHARLES RUFFIN POOLE

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 Charles Ruffin Poole on July 11, 2011, and filed in the offices of the State Bar on July 11, 2011.

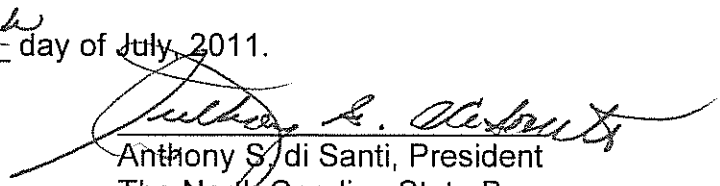
Based on the affidavit, the Council finds that Charles Ruffin pled guilty to and was convicted of one count of Income Tax Evasion in violation of 26 U.S.C. §7201 on April 19, 2010 in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina, and that on May 17, 2011 Poole was sentenced to serve twelve months and one day in the custody of the Bureau of Prisons and ordered to pay a \$30,000.00 fine. This conduct constitutes grounds for discipline in that Poole was convicted of a criminal offense showing professional unfitness as defined by Rule .0103(17) of the State Bar Discipline and Disability Rules and N.C. Gen. Stat. § 84-28 (b). Poole voluntarily consented to the entry of an Interim Suspension Order by the Disciplinary Hearing Commission on April 28, 2010 based on his guilty plea. Poole has fully satisfied the financial aspects of the judgment entered in the criminal matter, as evidenced by a Satisfaction of Judgment entered by the United States on June 14, 2011.

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

1. The tender of surrender of the license of Charles Ruffin Poole is hereby accepted.
2. Charles Ruffin Poole hereby is DISBARRED from the practice of law in North Carolina. The disbarment shall be effective as of April 28, 2010, when the Disciplinary Hearing Commission entered the Interim Suspension Order.
3. Charles Ruffin Poole shall comply with the provisions of 27 NCAC 1B § .0124 of the State Bar Discipline and Disability Rules and shall surrender his license and permanent membership card to the Secretary of the North Carolina State Bar. Poole has previously filed the affidavit required by 27 NCAC 1B § .0124 of the State Bar Discipline and Disability Rules in connection with the Interim Suspension Order.

4. The costs of this action are taxed against Charles Ruffin Poole.

Done and ordered this the 15<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2011.

  
Anthony S. di Santi, President  
The North Carolina State Bar

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
WAKE COUNTY

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THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BAR  
PETITIONER

v.

AFFIDAVIT OF SURRENDER

CHARLES RUFFIN POOLE, ATTORNEY,  
RESPONDENT

Charles Ruffin Poole, 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 allegations that on April 19, 2010, I pled guilty in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina to one count of Income Tax Evasion, and that on May 17, 2011 I was sentenced to serve twelve months and one day in the custody of the Bureau of Prisons and ordered to pay a \$30,000.00 fine. I paid the fine and otherwise fully satisfied the financial aspects of the judgment entered in the criminal matter, as evidenced by a Satisfaction of Judgment entered by the United States on June 14, 2011.

4. I acknowledge that the material facts upon which the investigation is predicated are true.

5. I am submitting my resignation because I know that if disciplinary charges were predicated upon the misconduct under investigation, I could not successfully defend against them.

6. I voluntarily consented to the entry of an Interim Suspension Order by the Disciplinary Hearing Commission on April 28, 2010 within ten days of my guilty plea.

7. I understand that the effective date of my disbarment will be April 28, 2010, the entry date of the Interim Suspension Order.

This is the 11<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2011.

Sworn to and subscribed before me  
this the 11 day of July, 2011.

Lynn Pelkey  
Notary Public

Charles Ruffin Poole  
CHARLES RUFFIN POOLE

My Commission expires

11-21-2015

