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NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE

GUILFORD COUNTY

SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION

High Point

IN THE MATTER OF:

KEITH HENDERSON HARRELL

)  
) CONSENT ORDER TRANSFERRING  
) A MEMBER OF THE BAR TO  
) DISABILITY INACTIVE STATUS  
)

This matter was scheduled before the undersigned Guilford County Superior Court Judge on June 22, 1998 after a May 11, 1998 Order to Show Cause was issued by Judge Michael E. Beale directing Keith Henderson Harrell (hereinafter Harrell) to show cause why he should not be held in contempt for his willful or grossly negligent failure to perform his duties as counsel for a client and as an officer of the court. Judge Beale appointed A. Root Edmonson, Deputy Counsel of the North Carolina State Bar, to prosecute the contempt case. Harrell was served with the Order to Show Cause and was present in court on June 22, 1998 without counsel.

Prior to the contempt case being heard, the parties recommended to the undersigned that the appropriate resolution of this matter, and the resolution that is in the best interest of the public, is for Harrell to be placed on disability inactive status. In open court, Harrell consented to the court considering his transfer to disability inactive status without further notice to him.

Based upon the case notes of Dr. Jeff Marshal, MD, which the undersigned has reviewed, the evidence offered at the hearing, and the consent of the parties, the undersigned makes the following:

#### FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Harrell has waived formal notice of this proceeding and consents to the court placing him on disability inactive status.
2. Harrell suffers from a history of depression with the possibility of cyclothymic disorder which, combined with alcohol abuse, significantly impairs his professional judgment, performance, or competence as an attorney.
3. Harrell is currently being treated by Dr. Jeff Marshall, MD and a psychologist.
4. The parties have consented to this order being signed out of term, county and district.

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Based upon the foregoing findings, the undersigned draws the following:

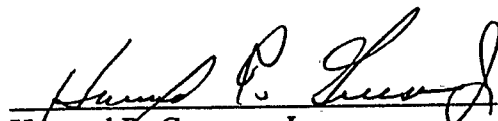
CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. This court has jurisdiction over Harrell and the subject matter of this proceeding.
2. Harrell is presently disabled within the meaning of 27 NCAC 1B, §.0103(18).
3. Harrell's should be transferred to disability inactive status.
4. Jurisdiction to consider transferring Harrell to active status should be conferred upon the North Carolina State Bar pursuant to its procedures contained in 27 NCAC 1B §.0125(c).

THEREFORE, it is hereby ORDERED:

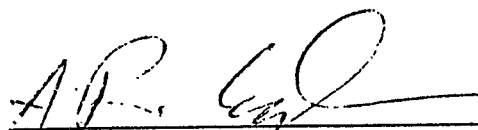
1. The license of Keith Henderson Harrell is transferred to disability inactive status.
2. Jurisdiction for reinstatement of Harrell's license to active status is conferred upon the North Carolina State Bar. Reinstatement is to be considered pursuant to 27 NCAC 1B §.0125(c).

This is the 13 day of August, 1998.

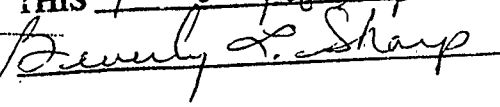
  
Howard R. Greeson, Jr.  
Superior Court Judge

Consented to:

  
Keith Henderson Harrell

  
A. Root Edmonson

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ON FILE IN THIS OFFICE.

THIS 1<sup>st</sup> day of September 19 98  
 C. S. C.  
Dep.