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.) Order of D	isbarment
Angela D. Seabrooks, Attorney, Defendant)	
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THIS MATTER was considered by the undersigned Chair of the Disciplinary Hearing Commission pursuant to the provisions of the N.C. State Bar Discipline & Disability Rules, 27 N.C. Admin. Code, Chapter 1, Subchapter B, Section .0117(d) upon submission of the tender of surrender of license and consent to disbarment by the Defendant, Angela D. Seabrooks. Based upon the record, the pleadings in this matter, and the Defendant's affidavit of surrender, the Chair finds the following:

Findings of Fact

- 1. The Defendant, Angela D. Seabrooks, filed an affidavit of tender of surrender of her license with the Chair of the Disciplinary Hearing Commission after service of a disciplinary complaint in accordance with 27 N.C. Admin. Code, Chapter 1, Subchapter B, Section .0117(d).
- 2. The Defendant's tender of surrender of license and consent to disbarment was freely and voluntarily rendered. It was not the result of coercion or duress. Defendant acknowledged that she was fully aware of the implication of submitting her surrender and consent to disbarment.

3. The Defendant acknowledged that the material facts of the disciplinary complaint were true and that her actions constituted violations of the Rules of Professional Conduct. Those material facts are: Defendant knowingly and intentionally misappropriated client funds held in a trust or fiduciary capacity for her own personal use or benefit totaling over \$125,000, including but not necessarily limited to funds received on behalf of clients Brenda Reaves, Zenret and Janet Pelshak, and William Coltrane and Mary Mills.

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- 4. Defendant was served properly with the Summons and Complaint in this matter. Defendant did not file an Answer or other responsive pleading. Defendant has waived any claim, argument, or assertion that she has not received proper or timely service of the Summons and Complaint or any other defect in service. Defendant has also waived any and all right or privilege to appear before the Disciplinary Hearing Commission at a hearing.
- 5. Defendant has had the advice and counsel of an attorney in filing her consent to disbarment and in waiving any rights set forth in her Affidavit.

Based upon the foregoing FINDINGS OF FACT and the consent of the Defendant, the Chair makes the following:

Conclusions of Law

- 1. The Disciplinary Hearing Commission has personal jurisdiction over Angela D. Seabrooks and jurisdiction over the subject matter.
- 2. The tender of surrender of the license and consent to disbarment filed by Angela D. Seabrooks satisfies the requirements of 27 N.C. Admin. Code, Chapter 1, Subchapter B, Section .0117(d). Accordingly, the Chair accepts the surrender of the Angela D. Seabrooks's license and consent to disbarment.
- 3. The Defendant's conduct constitutes grounds for discipline pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 84-28(b)(2) in that the conduct violated the Revised Rules of

Professional Conduct in effect at the time of the conduct as set forth in the Complaint and disbarment is a proper and necessary discipline for such conduct.

4. Defendant has freely, voluntarily, and with advice of counsel, consented to an order of disbarment.

Therefore, it is hereby

Ordered

- 1. Angela D. Seabrooks is hereby **DISBARRED** from the practice of law in the State of North Carolina, effective upon entry of this Order. In accordance with 27 N.C. Admin. Code, Chapter 1, Subchapter B, Section .0117(e), Angela D. Seabrooks may not handle any legal matter other than any necessary actions to withdraw from any matters still pending on the effective date of this Order.
- 2. Angela D. Seabrooks will immediately surrender her license and membership card to the Secretary of the North Carolina State Bar.
- 3. Angela D. Seabrooks shall otherwise comply with 27 N.C. Admin. Code, Chapter 1, Subchapter B, Section .0124 with respect to the obligations of disbarred attorneys.
- 4. Angela D. Seabrooks will pay all costs of this proceeding as assessed by the Secretary of the North Carolina State Bar within 90 days of receipt of notice of those costs.

This the 6 day of October , 2005

F. Lane Williamson, Chair Disciplinary Hearing Committee

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