

IN RE:

TERRANCE L. WILLIAMS, ATTORNEY

CONSENT ORDER
TRANSFERRING MEMBER TO
DISABILITY INACTIVE STATUS

This matter is before the undersigned Chair of the Grievance Committee of the North Carolina State Bar pursuant to 27 NCAC 1B § .0118(g). Deputy Counsel Carmen H. Bannon represents the North Carolina State Bar. Alan M. Schneider represents attorney Terrance L. Williams. Based upon the information presented and with the consent of the member and of deputy counsel, the undersigned makes the following

## FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. The State Bar is a body duly organized under the laws of North Carolina and is the proper party to bring this proceeding under the authority granted it in Chapter 84 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, and the rules and regulations of the North Carolina State Bar promulgated thereunder.
- 2. Terrance L. Williams was admitted to the North Carolina State Bar on August 24, 2007, and is, and was at all times referred to herein, an attorney at law licensed to practice in North Carolina, subject to the rules, regulations and Rules of Professional Conduct of the North Carolina State Bar and the laws of the State of North Carolina.
- 3. During the relevant periods referred to herein, Williams was engaged in the private practice of law in the city of Clinton, Sampson County, North Carolina.
- 4. Williams has been in treatment with a psychiatrist since April 2007. Williams' treating psychiatrist diagnosed Williams with generalized anxiety disorder, and noted that he also experiences panic attacks and agoraphobia. Williams' psychiatrist also opined that Williams has recently experienced "immense stressors" in his personal life.
  - 5. The State Bar learned of Williams' diagnoses in February 2010.
- 6. Williams' generalized anxiety disorder, panic attacks, and intermittent agoraphobia are mental conditions which significantly impair his professional judgment, performance or competence as an attorney.
  - 7. Williams requested and consents to being transferred to disability inactive status.

## Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact, the undersigned makes the following

## CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. There is clear, cogent and convincing evidence that Williams is disabled within the meaning of 27 NCAC 1B § .0103(19).
  - 2. Williams should be transferred to disability inactive status with the State Bar.
- 3. Williams has voluntarily consented to being transferred to disability inactive status pursuant to 27 NCAC 1B § .0118(g).

## THEREFORE, it is hereby ORDERED:

- 1. Terrance L. Williams is transferred to disability inactive status.
- 2. Williams shall not practice law in North Carolina until he is no longer disabled and has been returned to active status as a member of the North Carolina State Bar pursuant to the procedures set out in 27 NCAC 1B § .0125(c).
- 3. The above-referenced grievance file (09G1048) shall be abated until such time as Williams returns to active status. File 09G1048 will be reviewed, and its disposition determined by the Grievance Committee, after Williams returns to active status.

This, the \_\_\_\_ day of February, 2010.

Ronald G. Baker, Chair Grievance Committee

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