THIS MATTER coming on to be heard and being heard by the Council of the North Carolina State Bar pursuant to 27 N.C. Admin. Code Chapter 1, Subchapter B, § .0117(a) of the State Bar Discipline & Disability Rules upon an affidavit of tender of surrender of license executed by Jesse R. Dillard on April 1, 2000 and filed in the offices of the North Carolina State Bar on April 13, 2000.

Based upon the affidavit, the Council finds that Jesse Dillard's conduct of misappropriating client funds is grounds for discipline pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 84-28(b)(2) in that Jesse R. Dillard violated Rules 8.4(c) of the Revised Rules of Professional Conduct.

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

- 1. The tender of surrender of license of Jesse R. Dillard is hereby accepted.
- 2. Jesse R. Dillard is hereby is DISBARRED from the practice of law in North Carolina.
- 3. Jesse R. Dillard shall comply with the provisions of 27 N.C.A.C. Chapter 1, Subchapter B, § .0124 of the State Bar Discipline & Disbarment Rules and shall surrender his license and permanent membership card to the Secretary of the North Carolina State Bar along with the affidavit required by § .0124 of the State Bar Discipline & Disbarment Rules.
 - 4. The costs of this action are taxed against Jesse R. Dillard.

Done and ordered this /4" day of April, 2000.

ressie H. Thigpen, Jr // resident

The N.C. State Bar

BEFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BAR 00 BCS 5

AFFIDAVIT OF SURRENDER

Jesse R. Dillard, 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 the provisions of 27 N.C. Admin. Code Chapter 1, Subchapter B, Section .0117 of the N.C. State Bar Discipline & Disability Rules.
- 2. My resignation is freely and voluntarily rendered. It is not the result of coercion or duress. I am fully aware of the implication of submitting my resignation.
- 3. I am aware that there is pending an investigation regarding allegations that I misappropriated for my own use funds entrusted to me by clients.
- 4. I acknowledge that the material facts upon which the investigation is predicated are true and that I have misappropriated approximately \$68,000 in client and fiduciary funds to my own use.
- 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.

This the // day of // , 2000.

Jesse R. Dillard

Sworn to and subscribed before me

his the <u>//</u> day of <u>Aprel</u>

Notary Public

My commission expires: 8/3/2004

, 2000.

