

This matter came before the undersigned Chair of The Disciplinary Hearing Commission pursuant to 27 N.C.A.C. 1B §.0117(d) upon an affidavit of surrender of license executed by Gregory L. Perry on 2 March 2017 and filed in the offices of the North Carolina State Bar on 2 March 2017.

Based upon the pleadings and the record, the undersigned makes the following:

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Plaintiff, the North Carolina State Bar (hereafter "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. Defendant, Gregory L. Perry, was licensed to practice law in North Carolina in 2007, and during all relevant periods herein he was an Attorney at Law 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. On 24 October 2016, the North Carolina State Bar filed a formal complaint against Defendant alleging that he was convicted of contempt of court, attempted to acquire controlled substances from a client who he represented on drug-related charges, misled jail officials in an effort to gain access to an inmate, and was deceptive in response to inquiries from the State Bar, and thereby violated the Rules of Professional Conduct. This conduct constitutes grounds for discipline under N.C. Gen. Stat. § 84-28 (b)(1) and (b)(2), in that conviction of a criminal offense showing professional unfitness is grounds for imposition of professional discipline under N.C. Gen. Stat. § 84-28(b)(1), and in that Perry engaged in criminal conduct reflecting adversely on his trustworthiness or fitness as a lawyer, attempted to intentionally damage his client, attempted to assist a client in activity that he knew was criminal, engaged in a conflict of interest, failed to withdraw from representing a client when withdrawal was required,

engaged in conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice, engaged in conduct involving dishonesty, and made false statements of fact in connection with a disciplinary matter in violation of Rule 1.7(a)(2), Rule 1.16(a), Rule 8.1(a), and Rules 8.4(a), (b), (c), & (d) of the Rules of Professional Conduct.

4. Defendant has indicated his consent to disbarment by filing an affidavit of surrender with the Disciplinary Hearing Commission. The affidavit meets all requirements set forth in 27 N.C.A.C. 1B §.0117(a)(1)-(4) and (d).

Based upon the foregoing Findings of Fact, the undersigned makes the following

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. 27 N.C.A.C. 1B §.0108(a) provides that the Chair of the Disciplinary Hearing Commission has the power and duty to enter orders disbarring members by consent.
- 2. Defendant's affidavit meets all requirements set forth in 27 N.C.A.C. 1B §.0117(a)(1)-(4) and (d) and the facts upon which the affidavit is predicated warrant Defendant's disbarment.
- 3. Defendant has admitted that the material facts upon which the State Bar's complaint is predicated are true and the misconduct alleged in the complaint has been established. The State Bar's complaint is incorporated by reference herein.

Based upon the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the undersigned Chair of the Disciplinary Hearing Commission enters the following

ORDER

- 1. The surrender of the license of Gregory L. Perry is hereby accepted.
- 2. Gregory L. Perry is DISBARRED from the practice of law in North Carolina effective upon the entry of this order with the Secretary of the North Carolina State Bar.
- 3. Gregory L. Perry shall comply with the provisions of 27 N.C.A.C. 1B §.0124 of the State Bar Discipline and Disability Rules.
 - 4. The costs of this action are taxed against Defendant.

This the **grd** day of March, 2017.

Fred M. Morelock, Chair

Disciplinary Hearing Commission

STATE OF NORTH WAKE COUNTY

BEFORE THE PLINARY HEARING COMMISSION OF THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BAR

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THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BAR,

Plaintiff

AFFIDAVIT OF SURRENDER OF LAW LICENSE

GREGORY L. PERRY, Attorney,

Defendant

Gregory L. Perry, first being duly sworn, deposes and says as follows:

- 1. I desire to resign and hereby tender my license to practice law in North Carolina.
- 2. My resignation is freely and voluntarily rendered. It 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 pending a complaint against me before the Disciplinary Hearing Commission regarding allegations that I was convicted of contempt of court, attempted to acquire controlled substances from a client who I represented on drugrelated charges, misled jail officials in an effort to gain access to an inmate, and was deceptive in response to inquiries from the State Bar.
- 4. I acknowledge that the material facts upon which the pending complaint is predicated are true.
- 5. I am submitting my resignation because I know that I could not successfully defend against the pending disciplinary charges.

__ day of March, 2017.

Notary Public of Dasmine () the State of North Carolina, certify that Gregory L. Perry personally appeared before me this day, was sworn, attested that the foregoing Affidavit is true and accurate of his own personal knowledge, and executed the foregoing Affidavit.

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