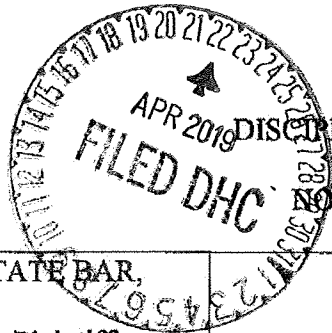


NORTH CAROLINA
WAKE COUNTY



BEFORE THE
DISCIPLINARY HEARING COMMISSION
OF THE
NORTH CAROLINA STATE BAR
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THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BAR,

Plaintiff,

v.

J. BRANDON GRAHAM, Attorney,

Defendant

CONSENT ORDER
OF INTERIM SUSPENSION

THIS MATTER came before the undersigned Chair of the Disciplinary Hearing Commission (DHC) pursuant to 27 N.C. Admin. Code 1B.0119(b) by consent of the parties. Upon consent of the parties and good cause shown, the undersigned hereby makes the following:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Defendant, J. Brandon Graham ("Graham"), was admitted to the North Carolina State Bar in 2002, and is, and was at all times referred to herein, an attorney at law licensed to practice in North Carolina, subject to the laws of the State of North Carolina, the Rules and Regulations of the North Carolina State Bar and the Rules of Professional Conduct.
2. The current address of record for Graham with the North Carolina State Bar is 325 N. Marietta Street, Suite 2002, Gastonia, NC 28052.
3. Graham pled guilty to felony possession of methamphetamine on October 1, 2018 in Union County file *State v. James Brandon Graham*, 18CR051990.
4. Graham freely and voluntarily consents to entry of this Consent Order of Interim Suspension.

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact, the undersigned hereby makes the following:

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. 27 N.C. Admin. Code 1B.0119(b) authorizes the Chair of the DHC to enter an order suspending on an interim basis the law license of an attorney who pleads guilty to a criminal offense showing professional unfitness in any state or federal court upon the Chair's determination that there is a qualifying plea or conviction and that interim suspension is warranted.
2. The offense to which Graham pled guilty is a criminal offense showing professional unfitness as defined in 27 N.C. Admin. Code 1B.0103(17), and Graham's guilty plea is a

qualifying plea to a criminal offense showing professional unfitness for which interim suspension can be imposed.

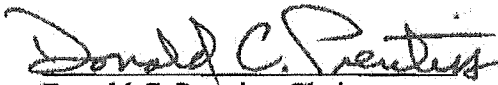
3. It is appropriate to enter an order of interim suspension in this case.

THEREFORE, based upon the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and the consent of the parties, the undersigned Chair of the Disciplinary Hearing Commission hereby enters the following:

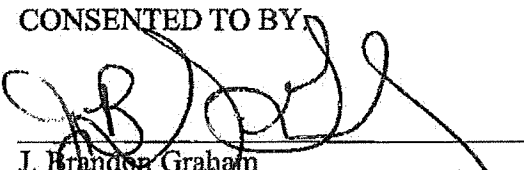
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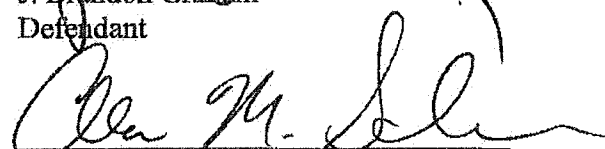
1. The license to practice law in the State of North Carolina of J. Brandon Graham is hereby **SUSPENDED** pending the disposition of all disciplinary proceedings against Graham related to his plea of guilty to a criminal offense showing professional unfitness in Union County file *State v. James Brandon Graham*, 18CR051990.
2. Mr. Graham shall comply with the provisions of 27 N.C. Admin. Code 1B.0128.

This the 22 day of April 2019.


Donald C. Prentiss, Chair
Disciplinary Hearing Commission

CONSENTED TO BY


J. Brandon Graham
Defendant


Alan M. Schneider
Counsel for Defendant


Joshua T. Walthall
Counsel for Plaintiff, The North Carolina State Bar