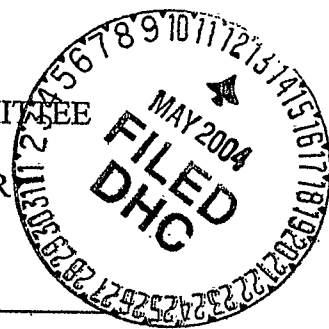


17691

NORTH CAROLINA

WAKE COUNTY

BEFORE THE GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE
OF THE
NORTH CAROLINA STATE BAR
02G 1481



THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BAR
Petitioner

v.

ARMANDO R. COBOS, ATTORNEY
Respondent

ORDER OF RECIPROCAL
DISCIPLINE PROCEEDING

Pursuant to the authority vested in me as Chair of the Grievance Committee of the North Carolina State Bar by 27 N.C. Admin. Code Chapter 1, Subchapter B, §§ .0105(a)(12) and .0116(a) of the N.C. State Bar Discipline & Disability Rules and based upon the record in this matter, the undersigned finds as follows:

1. By order dated Jan. 5, 2004, the Supreme Court of Washington issued an order disbarring Respondent, Armando R. Cobos (Cobos), from the practice of law.

2. On or about Jan. 13, 2004, a Notice of Reciprocal Discipline Proceeding was sent to Cobos by certified mail at his last known address on file with the North Carolina State Bar.

3. The certified mail letter was returned to the N.C. State Bar unserved.

4. The State Bar served Cobos with the Notice of Reciprocal Discipline Proceeding by publishing the Notice in the News & Observer on March 15, 2004, March 22, 2004 and March 29, 2004, pursuant to N.C. Civ. Pro. Rule 4(j).

5. Cobos' response to the Notice of Reciprocal Discipline Proceeding was due no later than April 26, 2004.

6. Cobos failed to respond or show cause that imposition of the identical discipline would be unwarranted within 40 days of the first publication of the Notice of Reciprocal Discipline as required pursuant to N.C. Civ. Pro. Rule 4(j).

BASED UPON THE FOREGOING FINDINGS the Chair of the Grievance Committee makes the following CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:

1. The North Carolina State Bar has jurisdiction over the subject matter of this proceeding and over the person of the respondent, Armando R. Cobos.

2. The procedure for imposition of reciprocal discipline pursuant to 27 N.C. Admin. Code Chapter 1, Subchapter B, § .0116(a) of the N.C. State Bar Discipline & Disability Rules has been complied with.

3. The Jan. 5, 2004 order of the Supreme Court of Washington found that Cobos engaged in numerous violations of that state's Rules of Professional Conduct, including, failing to communicate with a client, neglecting a client matter, mishandling a client's advance fee, misrepresenting the status of a matter to a client, engaging in a conflict of interest, requesting a client to help him gain fraudulent identification documents and attempting to intimidate an individual who had filed a grievance by threatening to sue the individual.

4. The order of disbarment imposed by the Washington Supreme Court should be imposed on Cobos' right to practice law in the State of North Carolina.

THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

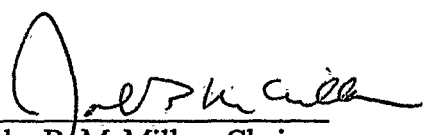
1. The North Carolina law license of the respondent, Armando Cobos, is hereby DISBARRED.

2. Respondent shall forthwith surrender his North Carolina license certificate and membership card to the Secretary of the N.C. State Bar.

3. Respondent is hereby taxed with the costs of this proceeding as assessed by the Secretary.

4. Respondent shall comply with the wind down provisions of 27 N.C. Admin. Code Chapter 1, Subchapter B, § .0124 of the N.C. State Bar Discipline & Disbarment Rules.

This the 3rd day of May, 2004.


John B. McMillan, Chair
Grievance Committee