

NORTH CAROLINA
WAKE COUNTY

BEFORE THE
DISCIPLINARY HEARING COMMISSION
OF THE
NORTH CAROLINA STATE BAR
17 DHC 23

THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BAR,)
Plaintiff)

v.)

CRAIG M. BLITZER, Attorney,)
Defendant)

CONSENT ORDER OF
INTERIM SUSPENSION

THIS CAUSE came on to be heard and was heard before the undersigned Chair of the Disciplinary Hearing Commission pursuant to 27 N.C.A.C. 1B §.0115(d). Plaintiff, the North Carolina State Bar, is represented by Margaret Cloutier and Defendant, Craig M. Blitzer is represented by Michael A. Grace. Based upon a review of the documents, and with the consent of the parties, the undersigned makes the following:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Defendant was licensed to practice law in North Carolina in 1995.
2. Defendant's address of record with the North Carolina State Bar is 266 Rhinewood Lane, Reidsville, NC 27320.
3. On July 18, 2017 Defendant entered a plea of guilty in the Superior Court for Wake County, North Carolina to the misdemeanor of Willful Failure to Discharge Duties in violation of N.C. Gen Stat. §14-230. Defendant has agreed to cooperate with the State of North Carolina and the State Bar and sentencing has been delayed accordingly.
4. The North Carolina State Bar intends to file a formal complaint against Defendant alleging he has violated the Rules of Professional Conduct based upon the conviction and the underlying conduct. Defendant has voluntarily agreed to cooperate with any investigation and process, including willingly entering into this Order.

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

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

5. The crime to which Defendant has pled guilty is a criminal offense showing professional unfitness as defined in 27 NCAC 1B, §.0103 (17).

6. 27 N.C.A.C. 1B §.0115 provides that the Chair may enter an order suspending the member from practicing law pending disposition of disciplinary proceedings before the Disciplinary Hearing Commission based on the conviction of a crime showing professional unfitness.

7. An order suspending Defendant's law license on an interim basis is necessary to uphold the standing of the legal profession.

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

ORDER

The license to practice law in North Carolina of Craig M. Biltzer is hereby **SUSPENDED** until the conclusion of all disciplinary proceedings before the North Carolina State Bar relating to Defendant's guilty plea in the Superior Court of Wake County, North Carolina.


This the 3rd day of August 2017.


Fred M. Morelock, Chair
Disciplinary Hearing Commission

Consented to:


Margaret Cloutier, Attorney for Plaintiff


Michael A. Orsco, Attorney for Defendant


Craig M. Biltzer, Defendant