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BEFORE THE

EVANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR

OF THE

TH CAROLINA STATE BAR 13G0894

WAKE COUNTY

IN RE:

KEVIN L. BYRD, ATTORNEY

CONSENT ORDER TRANSFERRING MEMBER TO DISABILITY INACTIVE STATUS

This matter is before the undersigned Chair of the Grievance Committee of the North Carolina State Bar pursuant to 27 N.C. Admin. Code 1B § .0118(b). Brian P.D. Oten represented the North Carolina State Bar ("State Bar"). Kevin L. Byrd was represented by Ollie H. Taylor. Based upon the information presented and with the consent of the member and of the Office of Counsel, the undersigned makes the following

## FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. The North Carolina State Bar ("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. Kevin L. Byrd ("Byrd"), was admitted to the North Carolina State Bar on 24 March 1984 and is, and was at all times referred to herein, an attorney at law licensed to practice in North Carolina, 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. During the times relevant herein, Byrd was engaged in the practice of law in the State of North Carolina and maintained a law office in Cary, Wake County, North Carolina.
- 4. Byrd currently suffers from bipolar disorder and depression which significantly impairs his professional performance, judgment, and competence as an attorney.
  - 5. Byrd voluntarily consents to being transferred to disability inactive status.
  - 6. The State Bar consents to Byrd's transfer to disability inactive status.

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

## CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. There is clear, cogent and convincing evidence that Byrd is disabled within the meaning of 27 N.C. Admin. Code 1B § .0103(19).
  - 2. Byrd should be transferred to disability inactive status with the State Bar.

- Byrd and the State Bar voluntarily consent to Byrd's transfer to disability inactive status pursuant to 27 N.C. Admin. Code 1B § .0118(b).
- Any pending or future grievances against Byrd should be stayed during the period of disability.

## THEREFORE, it is hereby ORDERED:

- 1. Kevin L. Byrd is transferred to disability inactive status.
- Byrd shall not practice law in North Carolina until he is no longer disabled and 2. has been returned to active status as a member of the North Carolina State Bar pursuant to the procedures set out in 27 N.C. Admin. Code 1B § .0125(c).
- Any pending or future grievances against Byrd are hereby stayed during the period of disability until such time as Byrd returns to active status. The State Bar may continue to investigate allegations of misconduct and preserve evidence as necessary pursuant to 27 N.C. Admin. Code 1B § .0118(e).

This, the day of oct, 2014.

John M. Silverstein, Chair Grievance Committee

CONSENTED TO:

Brian P.D. Oten

Deputy Counsel

Ollie H. Taylor

Counsel for Kevin L. Byrd