

In re: Barry G. Roberts

Order of Interim Suspension

THIS CAUSE came before the undersigned Chair of the Disciplinary Hearing Commission pursuant to 27 N.C. Admin. Code Chapter 1, Subchapter B, Rule .0115(d) of the Discipline & Disability Rules of the North Carolina State Bar on petition for an order of interim suspension of the license to practice law in North Carolina of Barry G. Roberts ("Roberts") based upon his plea of guilty to a crime showing professional unfitness in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas. Based upon the petition and the certified copy of Roberts' guilty plea and judgment, the undersigned hereby makes the following

## **FINDINGS OF FACT**

- 1. Barry G. Roberts ("Roberts") was licensed to practice law in North Carolina on August 19, 1988 and is and was at all times referred to herein an attorney at law, subject to the rules, regulations, and Rules of Professional Conduct of the North Carolina State Bar and the laws of North Carolina. Barry G. Roberts' law license is currently administratively suspended for failure to comply with continuing legal education obligations.
- 2. The current address of record for Roberts with the North Carolina State Bar is 1531 Spalding Drive, Atlanta, Georgia 30350.
- 3. Roberts pled guilty to the felony offense of making a false statement to the Internal Revenue Service in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1001, as charged in a one count Information filed in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas, file number 3:03-CR-185-P(01). The Judgment was entered in the criminal case on April 20, 2005.

Based upon the foregoing FINDINGS OF FACT, the undersigned makes the following

## **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

- 1. The offense for which Barry G. Roberts pled guilty is a serious crime showing professional unfitness to practice law as defined by Rule .0103(17) of the State Bar Discipline & Disability Rules and N.C. Gen. Stat. § 84-28(b).
- 2. Rule .0115(d) of Subchapter B of the Discipline & Disability Rules of the State Bar authorizes the Chair of the Disciplinary Hearing Commission to enter an order suspending an attorney's license upon receipt of a certified copy of a plea of guilty to a serious crime showing professional unfitness to practice law.

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 license to practice law in North Carolina of Barry G. Roberts is hereby SUSPENDED until the conclusion of all disciplinary matters pending before the North Carolina State Bar relating to his plea of guilty in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas of a serious crime showing professional unfitness to practice law in file number 3:03-CR-185-P(01).

This the 22nd day of April, 2008.

F. Lane Williamson, Chair

Disciplinary Hearing Commission