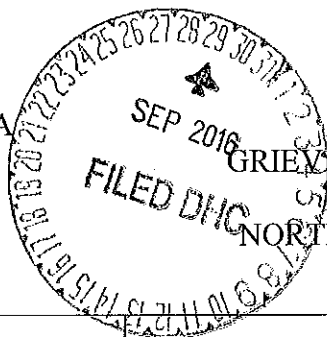


STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

WAKE COUNTY



BEFORE THE
GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR
OF THE
NORTH CAROLINA STATE BAR
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IN RE:

HALLETT SYDNEY WARD, III,
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"). Hallett Sydney Ward, III represented himself. 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. Hallett Sydney Ward, III ("Ward"), was admitted to the North Carolina State Bar on 9 September 1988 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, Ward was engaged in the practice of law in the State of North Carolina and maintained a law office in Washington, Beaufort County, North Carolina.

4. Ward currently suffers from physical and mental health conditions which significantly impair his professional performance as an attorney.

5. Ward voluntarily consents to being transferred to disability inactive status.

6. The State Bar consents to Ward'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 Ward is disabled within the meaning of 27 N.C. Admin. Code 1B § .0103(19).

2. Ward should be transferred to disability inactive status with the State Bar.

3. Ward and the State Bar voluntarily consent to Ward's transfer to disability inactive status pursuant to 27 N.C. Admin. Code 1B § .0118(b).

4. Any pending or future grievances against Ward should be stayed during the period of disability.

THEREFORE, it is hereby ORDERED:

1. Hallett Sydney Ward, III is transferred to disability inactive status. This order is effective upon filing.


2. Ward shall not practice law in North Carolina until he is no longer disabled and 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).

3. Any pending or future grievances against Ward are hereby stayed during the period of disability until such time as Ward 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 29th day of September, 2016.


DeWitt F. McCarley, Chair
Grievance Committee

CONSENTED TO:



Hallett Sydney Ward, III



Brian P.D. Oten
Deputy Counsel