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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE

BRUNSWICK COUNTY

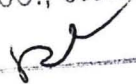
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SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION  
16 CRS 054816, 16 CRS 054868

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

v.

CHRISTIAN SCOTT MATHIS

BRUNSWICK CO., C.S.C.  
BY 

CONSENT ORDER OF DISBARMENT

THIS MATTER came before the undersigned Judge of Superior Court of Brunswick County. Christian Scott Mathis was represented by Bruce A. Mason. Brian P.D. Oten appeared on behalf of the North Carolina State Bar.

Based upon the Affidavit of Surrender of Law License submitted to the Court by Christian Scott Mathis, the Court makes the following:

#### FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Christian Scott Mathis ("Mathis") was licensed to practice law in North Carolina on 8 September 2000.
2. Mathis operated a law office in Calabash, Brunswick County, North Carolina.
3. In December 2015, Mathis knowingly forged two individuals' names on a quitclaim deed in an attempt to fraudulently convey property from those individuals to a third party. Mathis then knowingly facilitated the creation of a false notary stamp for a licensed notary in South Carolina without that notary's knowledge or consent, and Mathis used the false notary stamp to notarize the forged signatures on the quitclaim deed. Mathis also forged the notary's signature on the deed, and Mathis filed the forged and falsely notarized quitclaim deed with the Brunswick County Register of Deeds.
4. On this date, Mathis entered pleas of guilty to one count of Common Law Forgery, one count of Common Law Uttering, and one count of Attempted Notary Fraud. Mathis's conduct is described in his Affidavit of Surrender, which is incorporated by reference as if set forth herein.
5. Mathis is in fact guilty of the criminal offenses to which he pled guilty.
6. Mathis desires to resign his license to practice law and has tendered his license to practice law in North Carolina.

7. Mathis's resignation is freely and voluntarily rendered. It is not the result of coercion or duress. Mathis is fully aware of the implication of submitting his resignation.
8. Mathis has submitted his resignation because he knows that if disciplinary charges were predicated upon the misconduct described above, he could not successfully defend against them.

Based upon the foregoing Findings of Fact, the Court makes the following

#### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. By committing the acts described in his Affidavit of Surrender of Law License and by being convicted of one (1) count of Common Law Forgery, one (1) count of Common Law Uttering, and one (1) count of Attempted Notary Fraud, Mathis violated Rules 8.4(b), 8.4(c), and 8.4(d) of the Rules of Professional Conduct.
2. Mathis's misconduct constitutes grounds for discipline pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. §§ 84-28(b)(1) and (2).
3. The courts of this State have inherent authority to take disciplinary action against attorneys licensed to practice law in North Carolina.
4. This Court has jurisdiction over Christian Scott Mathis and over the subject matter of this proceeding.
5. Mathis has engaged in professional misconduct warranting disbarment.

#### IT IS NOW, THEREFORE, **ORDERED**:

1. Christian Scott Mathis is DISBARRED from the practice of law in North Carolina.
2. This Order of Disbarment is effective immediately upon entry.
3. To the extent not already completed, Mathis shall comply with the provisions of 27 N.C. Admin. Code, Chapter 1, Subchapter B, Section .0128 of the Rules and Regulations of the North Carolina State Bar (previously codified as 27 N.C. Admin. Code 1B § .0124) and shall surrender his license and permanent membership card to the Secretary of the North Carolina State Bar along with the affidavit required by § .0128.
4. Mathis shall not petition for reinstatement of his law license until the expiration of at least five years from the date of entry of this order.


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5. Mathis's law license shall not be reinstated until he has demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Disciplinary Hearing Commission and the Council of the North Carolina State Bar that he has complied with 27 N.C. Admin. Code, Chapter 1, Subchapter B, Section .0129 of the Rules and Regulations of the North Carolina State Bar (previously codified as 27 N.C. Admin. Code 1B § .0125).
6. The costs of this action are taxed against Mathis.

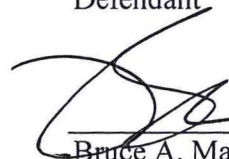
Done and Ordered this 08 day of AUGUST, 2017.

  
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Superior Court Judge Presiding

CONSENTED TO BY:

  
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Brian P.D. Oten, Deputy Counsel  
*Attorney for the North Carolina State Bar*

  
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Christian Scott Mathis  
Defendant

  
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Bruce A. Mason  
*Attorneys for Defendant*



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AFFIDAVIT OF  
SURRENDER OF LAW LICENSE

Christian Scott Mathis, being first duly sworn, deposes and says as follows:

1. I desire to resign and hereby tender my license to practice law in North Carolina.
2. My resignation is freely and voluntarily rendered. It is not the result of coercion or duress. I am fully aware of the implication of submitting my resignation.
3. In December 2015, I knowingly forged two individuals' names on a quitclaim deed in an attempt to fraudulently convey property from those individuals to a third party. I then knowingly facilitated the creation of a false notary stamp for a licensed notary in South Carolina without that notary's knowledge or consent, and I used the false notary stamp to notarize the forged signatures on the quitclaim deed. I also forged the notary's signature on the deed, and I filed the forged and falsely notarized quitclaim deed with the Brunswick County Register of Deeds.
4. In connection with the conduct described in the preceding paragraph, I have today entered a plea of guilty to one count of Common Law Forgery, one count of Common Law Uttering, and one count of Attempted Notary Fraud. I am in fact guilty of these charges.
5. I am aware that there is presently pending an investigation with the North Carolina State Bar concerning the conduct described above. I acknowledge that the material facts upon which the investigation is predicated are true, and I know that if disciplinary charges were brought based upon this misconduct I could not successfully defend against them.
6. I consent to be disbarred from the practice of law in North Carolina.

This the 8<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2017.

Victoria Johnson  
Notary Public  
Cumberland County, NC

*Christian Scott Mathis*  
Christian Scott Mathis

I, Victoria Johnson, Notary Public of the County of New Hanover, State of North Carolina, certify that Christian Scott Mathis personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged the due execution of the foregoing Affidavit.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this the 8 day of August, 2017.

*Victoria Johnson*  
Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 6/20/21