

THIS MATTER coming on to be heard and being heard by the Council of the North Carolina State Bar pursuant to 27 N.C. Admin. Code Chapter 1, Subchapter B, § .0117(a) of the State Bar Discipline & Disability Rules upon an affidavit of tender of surrender of license executed by Alton G. Murchison, III on March 24, 2000, and filed in the offices of the North Carolina State Bar on March 24, 2000.

Based upon the affidavit, the Council finds that Alton G. Murchison III's conduct of misappropriating client funds is grounds for discipline pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 84-28(b)(2) in that Alton G. Murchison III violated Rules 8.4(b) and (c) of the North Carolina Revised Rules of Professional Conduct.

WHEREFORE, upon Motion made and duly seconded, the Council enters the following Order:

- 1. The tender of surrender of license of Alton G. Murchison, III is hereby accepted.
- 2. Alton G. Murchison, III is hereby is DISBARRED from the practice of law in North Carolina.
- 3. Alton G. Murchison, III shall comply with the provisions of 27 N.C.A.C. Chapter 1, Subchapter B, § .0124 of the State Bar Discipline & Disbarment Rules and shall surrender his license and permanent membership card to the Secretary of the North Carolina State Bar along with the affidavit required by § .0124 of the State Bar Discipline & Disbarment Rules.
 - 4. The costs of this action are taxed against Alton G. Murchison, III.

Done and ordered this 14th day of April, 2000.

ressie H. Thigpen Jr, President

The N.C. State Bar

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BAR COUNCIL 00 BCS 4

AFFIDAVIT OF TENDER

- I, Alton G. Murchison, III being duly sworn, depose and say:
- 1. I, Alton G. Murchison, III hereby tender my license and desire to resign from The North Carolina State Bar. This resignation is freely and voluntarily rendered, is not the result of coercion or duress, and I am fully aware of the implications of submitting this resignation.
- 2. I understand that the State Bar Council will consider this affidavit of surrender at its meeting on April 14, 2000, and I waive any further notice.
- 3. I am aware of a pending investigation or other proceedings regarding allegations that I misappropriated in excess of \$74,000 of client funds entrusted to me. While I have repaid some of the funds, some of the funds have not been repaid.
- 4. I acknowledge that the material facts upon which the grievance is predicated are true.
- 5. I am submitting this resignation because I know that if charges were predicated upon the misconduct under investigation, I could not successfully defend against them.

Further affiant sayeth not.

This 27 day of April, 2000

Alton G. Murchison, III

Sworn to and subscribed before me

this $\frac{24}{2}$ day of April, 2000.

Notary Public

My Commission expires: