WAKE COUNTY
NORTH CAROLINA

PETITION OF

BEFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE
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CONDITIONAL
ORDER OF

JONATHAN A. McCOLLUM

IN RE REINSTATEMENT

The North Carolina State Bar Council entered its Order Conditionally Granting Jonathan A. McCollum's Petition for Reinstatement on even date herewith. The Order Conditionally Granting Petition for Reinstatement requires McCollum to prove by clear, cogent and convincing evidence that he has fulfilled conditions 1 and 2 therein. By affidavit submitted to the Council, McCollum has proven by clear, cogent and convincing evidence that he fulfilled conditions 1 and 2 of the Order Conditionally Granting Petition for Reinstatement. In accordance with the provisions of that Order, the undersigned therefore enters this order conditionally reinstating Jonathan A. McCollum to the practice of law in North Carolina so long as he is and remains in full compliance with condition 3 of the Order Conditionally Granting Petition for Reinstatement. All provisions of the Order Conditionally Granting Petition for Reinstatement are fully incorporated into this Conditional Order of Reinstatement.

WHEREFORE, Jonathan A. McCollum is hereby conditionally reinstated to the practice of law in North Carolina on condition that he is and remains in full compliance with condition 3 of the Order Conditionally Granting Petition for Reinstatement.

This is the 15th day of October 2017.

Mark W. Merritt, President North Carolina State Bar

REINSTATEMENT

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ORDER CONDITIONALLY
GRANTING PETITION FOR
REINSTATEMENT
JONATHAN A. McCOLLUM

The petition for reinstatement of Jonathan A. McCollum came on for hearing before the Council of the North Carolina State Bar on July 28, 2017 with the petitioner represented by Jeffrey P. Gray and with the State Bar represented by A. Root Edmonson.

In accordance with 27 N.C. Admin. Code 1B § .0129, a hearing on McCollum's petition for reinstatement was heard by a three member hearing panel of the Disciplinary Hearing Commission (DHC) on April 4, 2017. On May 3, 2017, the hearing panel entered its Order Denying Reinstatement. McCollum timely filed an appeal to the Council. The record on appeal, including a copy of the transcript of the April 4, 2017 hearing, each exhibit admitted into evidence at the April 4, 2017 hearing, and the Order Denying Reinstatement entered on May 3, 2017, was made available to each Councilor thirty days before the Council meeting at which McCollum's appeal was considered.

McCollum, the Office of Counsel, the Lawyer Assistance Program and the Council are in agreement to the terms of this order. McCollum consents to the entry of this conditional order of reinstatement, consents to the conditions required by this order and waives any right he might otherwise have had to appeal this order or to challenge any of its provisions.

BASED UPON the above-described record and the arguments of counsel, the Council voted to allow Jonathan A. McCollum's petition for reinstatement on the following conditions:

- 1. McCollum must demonstrate by clear and convincing evidence that, since he tendered his Affidavit of Surrender of Law License on October 22, 2010, he has completed a total of seventy-two (72) hours of continuing legal education, including satisfying all requirements of 27 N.C. Admin. Code 1D § .0518 regarding the subject matters of such hours.
- 2. McCollum must undergo mental, emotional and psychological health assessment and must comply with all recommendations for treatment and counseling emanating from such evaluation. McCollum has represented that he will do so under contract with the Lawyer Assistance Program of the North Carolina State Bar (LAP). Accordingly, McCollum must enter into a contract with LAP. The contract must require McCollum to undergo mental, emotional and psychological health evaluation by a qualified mental health professional approved by LAP. The contract must require that, if the evaluation

identifies any mental, emotional or psychological condition, McCollum will obtain treatment and/or counseling from a qualified mental health treatment provider or counselor approved by LAP. The contract must require McCollum to comply with all treatment and counseling recommendations of such approved mental health treatment provider or counselor and with all treatment and counseling recommendations of LAP. The contract must require McCollum to sign releases authorizing the mental health treatment provider or counselor to communicate with LAP about McCollum's treatment and about his compliance or noncompliance with the contract. The contract must require the mental health treatment provider or counselor to provide quarterly reports to LAP. The contract must require McCollum to sign a release authorizing LAP to provide to the Office of Counsel (1) copies of such portions of the contract as are necessary to demonstrate that McCollum has entered into the contract and (2) quarterly reports to the Office of Counsel regarding McCollum's on-going compliance or lack of compliance with the contract. The duration of the contract shall be determined by LAP, up to a maximum duration of five years.

Upon receipt of clear and convincing evidence that McCollum has satisfied conditions 1 and 2, the President shall enter a conditional order of reinstatement.

3. After the President enters a conditional order of reinstatement, McCollum must be in continual compliance with all requirements of the LAP contract until LAP certifies to the Council that McCollum has successfully completed and fulfilled all requirements of the LAP contract and has been discharged from LAP supervision.

After entry of the conditional order of reinstatement, if the State Bar receives information creating a reasonable belief that McCollum has failed to fully comply with condition 3, the State Bar Office of Counsel shall file a motion before the Disciplinary Hearing Commission (DHC) setting forth facts describing such alleged failure(s) and seeking an order for McCollum to appear and show cause why the conditional order of reinstatement should not be vacated and why McCollum's disbarment should not be reinstated. The Chair of the DHC shall assign a hearing panel to hold an evidentiary hearing on the issues raised by such motion. The evidentiary hearing shall be conducted according to the procedures set forth in 27 N.C. Admin. Code 1B §§ .0114; .0115(e), (h), (k) and (l); .0116(a), (b), (e), (g); and .0129(a)(7)-(11). The State Bar shall have the burden to prove violation of condition 3 by clear and convincing evidence. If the State Bar meets that burden, McCollum shall have the burden of showing by clear and convincing evidence that the conditional order of reinstatement should not be vacated and that his disbarment should not be reinstated. As soon as practicable after the evidentiary hearing, the hearing panel shall file with the secretary of the State Bar a report containing its findings of fact and conclusions of law determining whether McCollum violated condition 3 and makings its recommendations to the Council. The procedures for ordering a transcript of the evidentiary hearing and for settling and serving the record of the evidentiary hearing upon the Council shall be as set forth in 27 N.C. Admin. Code 1B § .0129(a)(8) through (10). The Council shall decide whether McCollum violated condition 3 and, if so, whether the order of conditional reinstatement should be vacated and McCollum's disbarment should be reinstated.

WHEREFORE, the petition for reinstatement of Jonathan A. McCollum is hereby allowed on the conditions set forth above. Upon McCollum's demonstrating by clear and convincing evidence that he has fully complied with conditions 1 and 2, Jonathan A. McCollum will be REINSTATED to the practice of law in North Carolina so long as he is and remains in full compliance with condition 3 set forth above.

This is the 15th day of October 2017.

North Carolina State Bar

Jonathan A. McCollum

Jeffrey P. Gray
Counsel for Jonathan A. McCollum

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