

IN RE DONALD L. MURPHY, **ATTORNEY** 

CONSENT ) ORDER TRANSFERRING ) MEMBER TO DISABILITY **INACTIVE STATUS** 

THIS MATTER is before the undersigned Chairperson of the Grievance Committee of the N.C. State Bar pursuant to 27 N.C. Admin. Code Chapter 1B, Section .0118(g). Nichole P. McLaughlin represents the North Carolina State Bar and Donald L. Murphy appeared pro se. Based upon and with the consent of the member and the counsel, the undersigned makes the following:

## FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. The North Carolina State Bar is a body duly organized under the laws of North Carolina and is the proper party to consent to 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. Donald L. Murphy was admitted to practice law in North Carolina on August 19, 1978 and is an Attorney at Law licensed to practice in North Carolina, subject to the rules, regulations and Revised Rules of Professional Conduct of the North Carolina State Bar and the laws of the State of North Carolina.
- 3. Donald L. Murphy actively engaged in the practice of law in the State of North Carolina and, prior to July 2005, maintained a law office in the City of Greensboro, Guilford County, North Carolina.
- 4. Donald L. Murphy is currently recovering from brain surgery after having been diagnosed with an aggressive brain tumor. As a result of his illness, Mr. Murphy has lost much of his memory, his ability to recall normal speech and has lost some of his sight, all of which significantly impairs his professional judgment, performance or competence as an attorney.
  - 5. Donald L. Murphy consents to being transferred to disability inactive status.

BASED UPON the foregoing Findings of Fact, the undersigned makes the following:

## CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. Pursuant to 27 N.C. Admin. Code 1B Section .0118(g), the proper parties have consented to the transfer of Donald L. Murphy to disability inactive status.
- 2. Donald L. Murphy is disabled within the meaning of 27 N.C. Admin. Code 1B Section .0103(19).

## THEREFORE, it is hereby ORDERED:

- 1. Donald L. Murphy is transferred to disability inactive status.
- 2. Donald L. Murphy shall refrain from practicing law in North Carolina until reinstated to active status pursuant to 27 N.C. Admin. Code Chapter 1B Section .0125(c).

This the 10 day of January, 2006

Barbara B. ("Bonnie") Weyher

The N.C. State Bar

CONSENTED TO:

Donald L. Murphy

Nichole P. McLaughlin