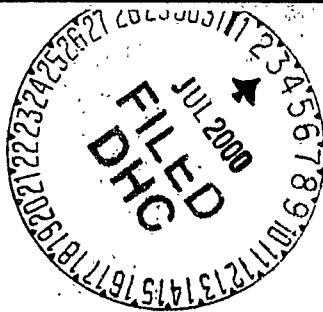


NORTH CAROLINA

WAKE COUNTY



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BEFORE THE SECRETARY
OF THE
NORTH CAROLINA STATE BAR
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IN RE: REINSTATEMENT OF)

J. WESLEY COVINGTON)

ORDER OF REINSTATEMENT

This matter is before the Secretary of the North Carolina State Bar pursuant to a petition for reinstatement filed by J. Wesley Covington on June 2, 2000.

Based upon a review of the records of the North Carolina State Bar, the Secretary makes the following:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. J. Wesley Covington (hereinafter, Covington) was admitted to the North Carolina State Bar in 1981.

2. Covington was suspended from the practice of law for three years, with all but 180 days stayed upon certain conditions; by order of the Disciplinary Hearing Commission, effective January 1, 2000.

3. On June 2, 2000, Covington filed a verified petition for reinstatement in which he stated that he had complied with 27 NCAC 1B, §.0124, that he had paid the costs of his disciplinary hearing, that he had violated no provisions of the Revised Rules of Professional Conduct or any laws of the State of North Carolina or the United States, that he had not engaged in the practice of law nor engaged in any conduct constituting grounds for discipline since the Order of Discipline was entered, that he was current in his CLE requirements and that he had paid all dues and assessments to the North Carolina State Bar and the 14th Judicial District.

4. Counsel for the North Carolina State Bar did not file any objection to Covington's petition within the time allowed by 27 NCAC 1B, §.0125(b)(4).

Based upon the foregoing Findings of Fact, the Secretary makes the following:

CONCLUSION OF LAW

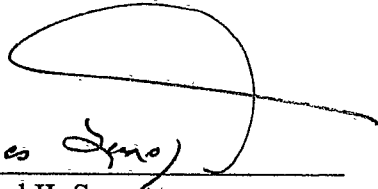
1. The petitioner, J. Wesley Covington, has satisfied the requirements set out in 27 NCAC 1B, §.0125 (b) and is entitled to reinstatement of his license to practice law in this jurisdiction.

Based upon the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusion of Law, the Secretary enters the following:

ORDER OF REINSTATEMENT

J. Wesley Covington is hereby reinstated to the active practice of law in North Carolina as of the date of this order.

This is the 3rd day of July, 2000.



L. Thomas Lunsford II, Secretary
North Carolina State Bar