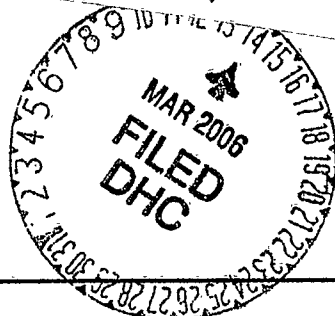


NORTH CAROLINA

WAKE COUNTY



BEFORE THE  
GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE  
OF THE  
NORTH CAROLINA STATE BAR  
02G0263

IN RE:

EDWARD J. HARPER

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CONSENT ORDER  
TRANSFERRING MEMBER  
TO DISABILITY  
INACTIVE STATUS

This matter is before the undersigned Chairperson of the North Carolina State Bar's Grievance Committee pursuant to 27 NCAC 1B, §.0118(g); with A. Root Edmonson representing the North Carolina State Bar and Edward J. Harper representing himself. Based upon the information provided by Edward J. Harper, and with the consent of Edward J. Harper and deputy 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 order 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. Edward J. Harper ("Harper") was admitted to the North Carolina State Bar on September 1, 1974 and is an Attorney at Law licensed to practice law in North Carolina, subject to the rules, regulations, and the Rules of Professional Conduct of the North Carolina State Bar and the laws of North Carolina.

3. Harper previously engaged in the practice of law in the State of North Carolina, and maintained a law office in the city of Greenville, Pitt County, North Carolina.

4. Harper presently suffers from depression that significantly impairs his professional judgment, performance or competence as an attorney.

6. Harper 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 NCAC 1B, §.0118(g), the proper parties have consented to Harper being transferred to disability inactive status.

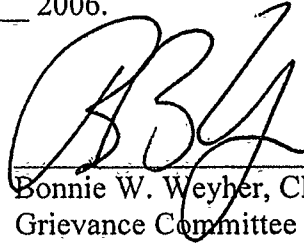
2. Harper is disabled within the meaning of 27 NCAC §.0103(18).

THEREFORE, it is hereby ORDERED:


1. Edward J. Harper is transferred to disability inactive status.

2. Harper shall refrain from practicing law in North Carolina until he is no longer disabled and has been returned to active status as a member of the North Carolina State Bar pursuant to the procedures set out in 27 NCAC 1B, §.0125(c).

This is the 13<sup>th</sup> day of December 2006.

  
Bonnie W. Weyher, Chair  
Grievance Committee  
North Carolina State Bar

CONSENTED TO:

  
Edward J. Harper, Member  
North Carolina State Bar

  
A. Root Edmonson, Deputy Counsel  
North Carolina State Bar