

THIS CAUSE came on to be heard and was heard before the undersigned Chair of the Disciplinary Hearing Commission pursuant to 27 N.C.A.C. 1B §.0115(d). Plaintiff, the North Carolina State Bar, is represented by Margaret Cloutier and Defendant, George Rexford Gore (also known as Rex Gore), is unrepresented. Based upon the pleadings and review of certified copies of documents, and with the consent of the parties, the undersigned makes the following:

## FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Defendant was licensed to practice law in North Carolina in 1979.
- 2. Defendant's address of record with the North Carolina State Bar is 4621 Bluff Drive, Shalotte, North Carolina 28470.
- 3. On August 19, 2013 Defendant entered a plea of guilty in the Superior Court for Brunswick County, North Carolina to the misdemeanor of Willful Failure to Discharge Duties.
- 4. Defendant was sentenced to a 45-day suspended sentence and placed on probation for twelve months. In addition, Defendant's law license was suspended for six months.
- 5. The North Carolina State Bar intends to file a formal complaint against Defendant alleging he has violated the Rules of Professional Conduct based upon the conviction and the underlying conduct.

Based upon the foregoing Findings of Fact the undersigned makes the following

## CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 6. The crime to which Defendant has pled guilty is a criminal offense showing professional unfitness as defined in 27 NCAC 1B, §.0103 (17).
- 7. Defendant's conviction is final within the meaning of 27 N.C,A.C. 1B §.0115.
- 8. 27 N.C.A.C. 1B §.0115 provides that the Chair may enter an order suspending the member from practicing law pending disposition of disciplinary proceedings before the Disciplinary Hearing Commission based on the conviction of such a crime.
- 9. An order suspending Defendant's law license on an interim basis is necessary to uphold the standing of the legal profession.

Based upon the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the undersigned Chair of the Disciplinary Hearing Commission enters the following

## ORDER

The license to practice law in North Carolina of George Rexford Gore is hereby SUSPENDED until the conclusion of all disciplinary proceedings before the North Carolina State Bar relating to Defendant's conviction in the Superior Court of Brunswick County, North Carolina.

This the \_\_\_\_\_ day of February, 2014.

Sharon B. Alexander, Chair Disciplinary Hearing Commission

Consented to:

Margaret Cloutier, Attorney for Plaintiff

George Rexford Gore, Defendant