

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

WAKE COUNTY

BEFORE THE
DISCIPLINARY HEARING COMMISSION
OF THE
NORTH CAROLINA STATE BAR
14 DHC 1

In re: JOHN W. ROEBUCK, JR.

ORDER OF
INTERIM SUSPENSION

This matter is before the undersigned Chair of the Disciplinary Hearing Commission pursuant to 27 N.C. Admin. Code Chapter 1, Subchapter B, Rule .0115(d) of the Discipline & Disability Rules of the North Carolina State Bar on the State Bar's petition for an order of interim suspension of the law license of John W. Roebuck, Jr., based upon his plea of guilty to a crime showing professional unfitness in Richmond County Superior Court. Respondent, John W. Roebuck, Jr., did not file a response or objection to the petition. Based upon the petition and the certified copy of Roebuck's guilty plea and judgment, the undersigned hereby makes the following

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent, John W. Roebuck, Jr., was licensed to practice law in North Carolina on 26 August 2003 and is and was at all times referred to herein an attorney at law, subject to the rules, regulations, and Rules of Professional Conduct of the North Carolina State Bar and the laws of North Carolina.
2. The current address of record for Roebuck with the North Carolina State Bar is P.O. Box 2028, Rockingham, NC 28380.
3. On 24 April 2013, Respondent purchased hydrocodone from a former client. At the time of the transaction the former client was acting as a confidential informant for law enforcement.
4. Roebuck was subsequently arrested and charged with trafficking in opium by possession, trafficking in opium by transportation, and maintaining a dwelling or vehicle for the purpose of using, keeping, or selling a controlled substance.
5. On 18 December 2013, Roebuck pled guilty to the Class I felony of maintaining a dwelling or vehicle for the purpose of using, keeping, or selling a controlled substance.
6. Roebuck was sentenced to three to thirteen months in the custody of the North Carolina Department of Corrections, but that sentence was suspended provided Roebuck successfully completes 18 months of supervised probation.

Based upon the foregoing findings of fact, the undersigned makes the following:

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW


1. The felony offense to which Roebuck pled guilty is a serious crime showing professional unfitness to practice as defined by Rule .0103(17) of the State Bar Discipline & Disability Rules and N.C. Gen. Stat. § 84-28(b).

2. Rule .0115(d) of the N.C. State Bar Discipline & Disability Rules authorizes the Chair of the Disciplinary Hearing Commission to enter an order suspending an attorney's license upon receipt of a certified copy of a plea of guilty to a serious crime showing professional unfitness to practice law.

Based upon the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the license to practice law in North Carolina of John W. Roebuck, Jr., is hereby SUSPENDED until the conclusion of all disciplinary matters pending before the North Carolina State Bar relating to his plea of guilty in Richmond County Superior Court (file number 13-CRS-51033) to a serious crime showing professional unfitness.

This the 28 day of January, 2014.


Sharon B. Alexander, Chair
Disciplinary Hearing Commission