

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
WAKE COUNTY

BEFORE THE  
DISCIPLINARY HEARING COMMISSION  
OF THE  
NORTH CAROLINA STATE BAR  
17DHC29

THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BAR,

Plaintiff

ANSWER

v.

GAVIN A. BROWN, Attorney,

Defendant

Defendant answers Plaintiffs Complaint as follows:

1. Paragraphs 1-19 are admitted.
2. Paragraphs 20-22 are denied.

Wherefore, Defendant asks the Disciplinary Commission to take such action that is consistent with the pleadings.

Request for Dismissal

1. Plaintiff failed to properly notify Defendant of this matter in that the service of the copy of the complaint was accepted by someone other than the Defendant.

This the 1<sup>st</sup> day of November, 2017.

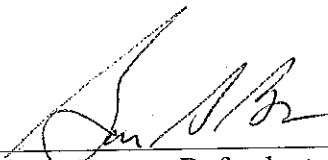
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that he mailed/served a copy of the foregoing pleading on the opposing party by depositing a copy, enclosed in a first class postage-paid wrapper, into a depository under the exclusive care and custody of the United States Postal Service, addressed as follows, on the date shown above his signature:

Mary D. Winstead, Deputy Counsel  
The North Carolina State Bar  
P.O. Box 25908  
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This 1<sup>st</sup> day of November, 2017.

  
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Gavin A. Brown, Defendant