

**THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
In The Supreme Court**

In the Matter of Anthony C. Odom, Respondent.

Appellate Case No. 2019-001093

Opinion No. 27918

Submitted, August 15, 2019 – Filed September 25, 2019

DISBARRED

John S. Nichols, Disciplinary Counsel, and Joseph P.
Turner, Senior Assistant Disciplinary Counsel, of
Columbia, for the Office of Disciplinary Counsel.

Harvey M. Watson, III, of Ballard & Watson, Attorneys
at Law, of West Columbia, for Respondent.

PER CURIAM: In this attorney disciplinary matter, Respondent and the Office of Disciplinary Counsel (ODC) have entered into an Agreement for Discipline by Consent (the Agreement) pursuant to Rule 21, RLDE, Rule 413, SCACR. In the Agreement, Respondent admits misconduct and consents to disbarment. Respondent requests his disbarment be imposed retroactively to May 17, 2006, the date of his interim suspension. *In re Odom*, S.C. Sup. Ct. Order dated May 17, 2006. We accept the Agreement and disbar Respondent from the practice of law in this state, retroactive to the date of his interim suspension. The facts, as set forth in the Agreement, are as follows.

Facts

Respondent was convicted of one count of criminal solicitation of a minor and received a sentence of seven years' imprisonment, suspended to five years' probation. Respondent has completed his period of probation and is listed on the state-wide sex offender registry.

Law

Respondent admits that by his conduct he violated Rule 8.4, RPC, Rule 407, SCACR (professional misconduct). Respondent further admits his conduct constitutes grounds for discipline under Rule 7(a)(1) and (4), RLDE, Rule 413, SCACR (violating the Rules of Professional Conduct and being convicted of a crime of moral turpitude or a serious crime).

Conclusion

We accept the Agreement and disbar Respondent from the practice of law in this state, retroactive to May 17, 2006, the date of his interim suspension. Within fifteen (15) days of the date of this opinion, Respondent shall file an affidavit with the Clerk of Court showing that he has complied with Rule 30, RLDE, Rule 413, SCACR, and shall also surrender his Certificate of Admission to the Practice of Law to the Clerk of Court. Additionally, prior to seeking reinstatement, Respondent must demonstrate his compliance with Rule 33, RLDE, Rule 413, SCACR.

DISBARRED.

BEATTY, C.J., KITTREDGE, HEARN, FEW and JAMES, JJ., concur.