STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA BOARD OF LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS

IN THE MATTER OF:)	
MICHAEL BROWN, LPC,)	FINAL DECISION
Respondent.)	

The North Carolina Board of Licensed Professional Counselors ("Board") heard this cause on May 24, 2013. A charge letter was served on Respondent on January 31, 2012, notifying him that if he did not request a hearing, then the Board would decide the matter at its meeting on May 24, 2013. Respondent did not request a hearing.

At the Board meeting on May 24, 2013, the Board issued its Final Decision.

FINDINGS OF FACT

The Board finds, by a preponderance of the evidence, that the following facts are true and relevant:

- 1. At all relevant times the Respondent was a professional counselor licensed by the Board.
- 2. Respondent has been convicted of federal wire fraud and aiding and abetting, and federal arson.
- 3. Respondent is currently serving a term of 360 months imprisonment.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- I. The Board has jurisdiction of the subject matter of this contested case and over the Respondent.
- II. The Respondent's conduct violated N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-340(a)(1), which alone warrants the disciplinary action taken by the Board.

NOW, THEREFORE, the NORTH CAROLINA BOARD OF LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS ORDERS:

I. The license of the Respondent, Michael Shawn Brown, is hereby REVOKED.

- II. Respondent shall turn in his license to practice counseling in North Carolina to the Board no later than thirty days after he receives a copy of this Order. He shall mail his license to: North Carolina Board of Licensed Professional Counselors, Post Office Box 1369, Garner, North Carolina 27529-1369.
- III. The Board shall maintain this Final Decision as a public record pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. §§ 132-1 and 90-340(f) and shall provide copies to the American Counseling Association and the National Board of Certified Counselors, and to other agencies or individuals as required by law.

This the day of May, 2013

NORTH CAROLINA BOARD OF LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS

BY:

DENAUVO ROBINSON, PH.D., LPC

BOARD CHAIRPERSON

APPEAL

Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 150B-45, any party wishing to appeal this Final Decision may commence their appeal by filing a Petition for Judicial Review in the Superior Court of Wake County or in the Superior Court of the county in which the party resides. The party seeking review must file the petition within 30 days after being served with a written copy of this Final Decision.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Sondra C. Panico, Assistant Attorney General, do hereby certify that I have this day served a copy of the foregoing **ORDER** upon the following by depositing a copy of same in the United States mail, postage prepaid addressed as follows:

Michael Shawn Brown c/o Priscilla Brown 5391 Princess Ann Road Chadbourn, NC 28431

Michael Shawn Brown 55524-056 FCI Petersburg Medium Federal Correctional Institution P.O. Box 1000 Petersburg, VA 23804

This the 28 th day of May, 2013.

Sondra C. Panico

Assistant Attorney General