DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COURT OF APPEALS BOARD ON PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

In the Matter of:

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MICHAEL J. BEATTIE,

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Respondent. : Bar Docket Nos. 195-07 & 262-07

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A Member of the Bar of the

District of Columbia Court of Appeals

(Bar Registration No. 450873)

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD ON PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

This matter is before the Board on Professional Responsibility (the "Board") on the motion of Bar Counsel to accept Respondent's consent to disbarment filed pursuant to D.C. Bar R. XI, § 12 (a) and Board Rule 15.1. Respondent's affidavit declaring consent to disbarment, dated December 29, 2008, is attached to Bar Counsel's motion.

D.C. Bar R. XI, § 12(a) provides that an attorney who is the subject of an investigation or pending proceeding based on allegations of misconduct may consent to disbarment by delivering to Bar Counsel an affidavit declaring the attorney's consent to disbarment and stating:

- (1) That the consent is freely and voluntarily rendered, that the attorney is not being subjected to coercion or duress, and that the attorney is fully aware of the implication of consenting to disbarment;
- (2) That the attorney is aware that there is currently pending an investigation into, or a proceeding involving, allegations of misconduct, the nature of which shall be specifically set forth in the affidavit;
- (3) That the attorney acknowledges that the material facts upon which the allegations of misconduct are predicated are true; and
- (4) That the attorney submits the consent because the attorney knows that if disciplinary proceedings based on the alleged misconduct were brought, the attorney could not successfully defend against them.

Respondent's affidavit of consent to disbarment satisfies the requirements of D.C. Bar

R. XI, § 12(a). Accordingly, the Board, acting through its Chair and pursuant to D.C. Bar R. XI,

§ 12(b) and Board Rule 15.2, approves Respondent's affidavit of consent to disbarment and

recommends that the Court enter an order disbarring Respondent on consent. The effective date

of Respondent's disbarment should run, for reinstatement purposes, from the date on which he

files the affidavit required by D.C. Bar R. XI, § 14(g). See In re Slosberg, 650 A.2d 1329, 1332-

33 (D.C. 1994).

BOARD ON PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

By: /CJW/
Charles J. Willoughby

Chair

Dated: February 2, 2009

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