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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: WILLIAM ALAN ALDER, BPR# 23214
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January 7, 2013

NASHVILLE LAWYER SUSPENDED

On December 28, 2012, the law license of William Alan Alder of Nashville, Tennessee, was suspended by the Tennessee Supreme Court for a period of one (1) year pursuant to Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 4.2. Mr. Alder was also ordered to pay restitution to a former client and undergo an assessment with the Tennessee Lawyer's Assistance Program as conditions precedent to reinstatement.

Mr. Alder improperly used his trust account for personal use and caused several bank overdrafts to occur. Mr. Alder also failed to provide agreed legal services to clients, was not diligent in handling client matters, and failed to adequately communicate with clients. Additionally, Mr. Alder submitted false affidavits to the Commission on Legal Education and Specialization claiming to have participated in legal training which he never attended. Mr. Alder's conduct was in violation of the Rules of Professional Conduct.

By these acts, William Alan Alder has violated Rules 1.1 (competence), 1.3 (diligence), 1.4 (communication), 1.15 (safekeeping property), 1.16 (terminating representation), 8.1(b) (failure to respond to disciplinary authority), and 8.4(a), (c), and (d) (misconduct) of the Rules of Professional Conduct and is hereby suspended for these violations.

Mr. Alder was further ordered to pay the expenses and costs of the disciplinary proceedings against him pursuant to Rule 9, Section 24.3, of the Rules of the Supreme Court, and fully comply in all respects with the requirements and obligations of suspended attorneys and the procedure for reinstatement as set forth in Rule 9, Sections 18 and 19, of the Rules of the Supreme Court.

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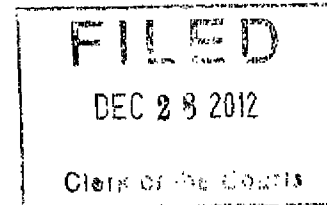
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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE

IN RE WILLIAM ALAN ALDER, BPR #023214
An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee
(Davidson County)

No. M2012-02684-SC-BPR-BP
BOPR No. 2012-2112-5-KB



ORDER OF ENFORCEMENT

This matter is before the Court upon a Petition for Discipline filed by the Board of Professional Responsibility against William Alan Alder on March 26, 2012; upon an Answer to the Petition for Discipline filed by Mr. Alder on April 26, 2012; upon a hearing held on October 9, 2012, at which Mr. Alder failed to appear; upon the Order and Judgment entered by the Hearing Panel on October 12, 2012; upon service of the Hearing Panel's Judgment upon Mr. Alder by the Board's Executive Secretary on October 15, 2012; upon the Board's approval of the Hearing Panel's recommendation on October 29, 2012; upon expiration of the appeal period with no appeal taken; and upon the entire record in this cause.

From all of which the Court approves the Judgment of the Hearing Panel and adopts the Judgment of the Hearing Panel as the Court's Order.


It is, therefore, ordered, adjudged, and decreed by the Court that:

1. William Alan Alder shall be and is hereby suspended for a period of one (1) year pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 4.2.
2. Mr. Alder's suspension shall become effective within ten (10) days of the filing of this Order.
3. As conditions precedent to reinstatement, Mr. Alder shall provide restitution to Pamela Payne in the amount of \$700.00 and shall undergo an assessment by the Tennessee Lawyer's Assistance Program (TLAP) and fully comply with any recommendations TLAP may make, including participation in a monitoring agreement.
4. Mr. Alder shall comply in all aspects with Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, §§ 18 and 19 regarding the obligations and responsibilities of suspended attorneys and the procedure for reinstatement.

5. Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 24.3, Mr. Alder shall pay to the Board of Professional Responsibility the expenses and costs of this matter in the amount of \$1,279.89, and in addition, shall pay to the Clerk of this Court the costs incurred herein, within ninety (90) days of the entry of this Order, for all of which execution may issue if necessary.

6. The Board shall cause notice of this suspension to be published as required by Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 18.10.

FOR THE COURT:



WILLIAM C. KOCH, JR., JUSTICE