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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: WILLIAM ALAN ALDER, BPR #23214
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August 8, 2013

DAVIDSON COUNTY ATTORNEY SUSPENDED

On August 7, 2013, William Alan Alder of Nashville, Tennessee was suspended by Order of the Tennessee Supreme Court for two years, to run consecutive to a one year suspension entered December 28, 2012. He must also make restitution to a client, consult with Tennessee Lawyer Assistance Program and pay the Board of Professional Responsibility's costs in this matter.

On January 31, 2013, the Board filed a Petition for Discipline alleging that Mr. Alder failed to diligently handle two lawsuits, failed to communicate adequately with his clients, and made a misrepresentation to one client.

His actions violate the following Rules of Professional Conduct: 1.2, Scope of Representation; 1.3, Diligence; 1.4, Communication; 1.15, Safekeeping Property and Funds; 1.16(d), Declining and Terminating Representation; 3.2, Expediting Litigation; 8.1(b), Bar Admission and Disciplinary Matters; and 8.4(a), (c) and (d), Misconduct.

Mr. Alder must comply with the requirements of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Sections 18 and 19 should he seek reinstatement of his Tennessee law license and he may not resume practice law until reinstated by further order of this Court.

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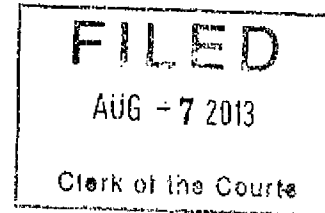
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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE

IN RE: **WILLIAM ALAN ALDER, BPR #23214**
An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee
(Davidson County)

NO. M2013-01751-SC-BPR-BP
BOPR Docket 2013-2183-5-KB



ORDER OF ENFORCEMENT

This matter is before the Court upon a Petition for Discipline filed against William Alan Alder on January 31, 2013; upon the Order of Default Judgment entered on March 14, 2013; upon the Judgment of the Hearing Panel entered on May 30, 2013; upon service of the Judgment upon Mr. Alder by the Executive Secretary of the Board on May 30, 2013; upon consideration and approval by the Board on June 14, 2013; 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 Order of the Hearing Panel and adopts the Hearing Panel's Judgment as the Court's Order.

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

(1) The Respondent, William Alan Alder, is suspended from the practice of law for two years, to run consecutive to this Court's Order of Suspension entered December 28, 2012, pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 4.2.

(2) Restitution to Justin Clemmons in the amount of \$500 is a condition precedent to reinstatement. In the event restitution is made by the Tennessee Lawyer's Fund for Client Protection ("TLFCP"), Mr. Alder will be responsible for reimbursement to the TLFCP in the same amount.

(3) The Respondent, William Alan Alder, shall contact the Tennessee Lawyers Assistance Program ("TLAP") for evaluation. If TLAP determines that a monitoring

agreement is appropriate, Mr. Alder shall comply with the terms and conditions of the TLAP monitoring agreement.

(4) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9 § 18.5, this Order shall be effective ten (10) days after the date of entry.

(5) The Respondent, William Alan 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.

(6) 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 \$424.57, 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.

(7) The Board of Professional Responsibility shall cause notice of this discipline to be published as required by Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9 § 18.10.

FOR THE COURT:

Cornelia A. Clark
CORNELIA A. CLARK, JUSTICE