

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE

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IN RE: CARLA L. AREVALO, BPR #031003
An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee
(Davidson County)

No. M2018-02106-SC-BAR-BP
BOPR No. 2018-2935-5-WM-27

ORDER REMOVING DISABILITY INACTIVE STATUS

This matter is before the Court upon a Notice and Petition for Transfer to Disability Inactive Status pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 27.4 and a Notice of Submission filed by the Board.

On November 21, 2018, this Court entered an Order pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 27.4, immediately transferring Carla L. Arevalo to disability inactive status and referring the matter to a hearing panel for a formal hearing to determine Ms. Arevalo's capacity to practice law and respond to or defend against a disciplinary complaint.

On April 23, 2020, a final hearing was held before a three-member hearing panel. On April 24, 2020, the panel entered its Final Judgment of the Hearing Panel finding, upon Ms. Arevalo's sworn testimony, that her present state of health was such that she was capable of practicing law and could participate in and defend herself in the disciplinary action. Further, the panel recommended the November 21, 2018 Order Transferring Attorney to Disability Inactive Status be dissolved and the disciplinary action be allowed to proceed. A copy of the Memorandum Opinion and Order of the Hearing Panel is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

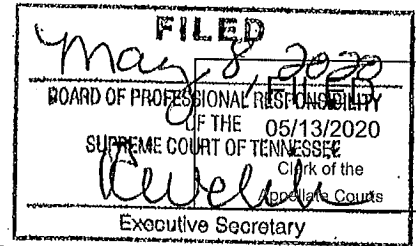
In accordance with Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 27.7, the Court concludes that Ms. Arevalo's disability has been removed and that any pending disciplinary proceedings must be resolved prior to the effective date of any reinstatement. Further, pursuant to this Court's prior Order entered January 11, 2018, in Case No. M2018-00079-SC-BAR-BP, the temporary suspension remains in full force and effect.

IT IS THEREFORE, CONSIDERED, ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED BY THE COURT THAT:

1. The Final Judgment of the Hearing Panel is approved as the Court's Order, and Carla L. Arevalo's disability inactive status is hereby removed.

2. That any pending disciplinary proceedings must be resolved prior to the effective date of reinstatement.
3. Further, the temporary suspension of January 11, 2018, in Case No. M2018-00079-SC-BAR-BP, shall remain in effect pending further orders of this Court.
4. Ms. Arevalo 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, if necessary, may issue.

PER CURIAM



IN DISCIPLINARY DISTRICT V
OF THE
BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY
OF THE
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BPR# 031003, Respondent,
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FINAL JUDGMENT OF THE HEARING PANEL

The final hearing was held before the Hearing Panel on April 23, 2020 to determine if Ms. Arevalo was presently suffering from a disability by reason of a physical or mental infirmity or illness which prevents her from engaging in the practice of law and makes it impossible for her to respond to or defend against a disciplinary complaint.

After being sworn, Ms. Arevalo testified her present state of health was such that she believed she was capable of practicing law and could participate in and defend herself in the disciplinary action. There being no further testimony or evidence introduced by either party, the final hearing was closed.

After considering the testimony of Ms. Arevalo and the statements of the parties, the Panel concludes Ms. Arevalo has the present capacity to practice law and is capable of responding to and defending against the disciplinary action. Accordingly, it is the recommendation of the Panel that the November 21, 2018 Order Transferring Attorney to Disability Inactive Status be dissolved, and the disciplinary action be allowed to proceed.

Exhibit A

It is so ordered this 24th day of April 2020.

HEARING PANEL


Kenneth M. Bryant
Kenneth Mark Bryant, Panel Chair

William Randall O'Bryan *by KMOB with permission*
William Randall O'Bryan, Panel Member

Stanley Allen Kweiller *by KMOB with permission*
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a copy of the foregoing has been sent to Respondent, Carla L. Arevalo, 1292 Blairfield Drive, Antioch, TN 37013, by U.S. First Class Mail, and hand-delivered to Joseph K. Byrd, Disciplinary Counsel, on this the 8th day of May, 2020.



Rita Webb
Executive Secretary

NOTICE

This judgment may be appealed by filing a Petition for Review in the appropriate Circuit or Chancery Court in accordance with Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 33.