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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: DEREK A. ARTRIP, BPR #26784
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BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY
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November 19, 2013

MURFREESBORO LAWYER DISBARRED

On November 14, 2013, Derek A. Artrip, formerly of Murfreesboro, Tennessee, was disbarred by the Tennessee Supreme Court. On July 14, 2012, Mr. Artrip was temporarily suspended for failure to respond to disciplinary complaints. Although he sought reinstatement, Mr. Artrip failed to meet the conditions of reinstatement and, therefore, he has remained on suspension since that time.

The Board filed a Petition for Discipline against Mr. Artrip based upon two (2) complaints of misconduct for abandonment of practice and neglect of client matters. In the first complaint, Mr. Artrip was hired to represent a client in a child custody matter. Mr. Artrip failed to adequately communicate with his client during the representation regarding the status of her case and the use of her retainer fee. In early 2012, Mr. Artrip promised to have the matter heard by a court within thirty days but he failed to do so. In the second complaint, Mr. Artrip neglected a client matter and abandoned his law practice. He failed to return the client's file or to provide any information about the status of the matter. Mr. Artrip did not respond to the Petition for Discipline and did not appear for the final hearing, despite having notice of both.

Mr. Artrip's ethical misconduct violates Rules of Professional Conduct 1.1, Competence; 1.3, Diligence; 1.4, Communication; 1.5, Fees; 1.16(d), Declining and Terminating Representation; 3.2, Expediting Litigation; 8.1(b), Bar Admission and Disciplinary Matters; and 8.4(a) and (d), Misconduct.

Mr. Artrip must comply with Sections 18 and 19 of Rule 9, Rules of the Supreme Court, regarding the obligations and responsibilities of disbarred attorneys.

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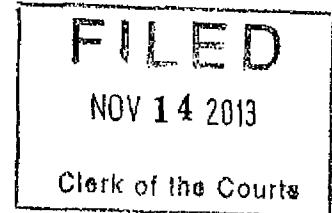
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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE

IN RE DEREK A. ARTRIP, BPR# 26784
An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee
(Ona, West Virginia)

No. M2013-02428-SC-BAR-BP
BOPR No. 2013-2210-0-KH



ORDER OF ENFORCEMENT

This matter is before the Court upon a Petition for Discipline filed by the Board of Professional Responsibility (Board) against Derek A. Artrip on May 5, 2013; upon the Board's Motion for Default Judgment and That Charges in Petition for Discipline be Deemed Admitted, filed June 6, 2013; upon the Hearing Panel's Order for Default Judgment entered July 3, 2013; upon the Judgment of the Hearing Panel entered August 13, 2013; upon consideration and approval by the Board on September 13, 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 Judgment of the Hearing Panel and adopts the Judgment of the Hearing Panel as this Court's Order.

By order entered July 13, 2012, in Case Number M2012-01410-SC-BPR-BP, Mr. Artrip was temporarily suspended from the practice of law for failure to respond to an initial complaint. By order entered August 16, 2012, in the same case, his Order of Temporary Suspension was dissolved upon satisfaction of certain conditions. Those conditions were never satisfied. By order entered May 9, 2013, in the same case, Mr. Artrip was suspended from the practice of law for one year, subject to certain conditions. As of the date of entry of this order, Mr. Artrip has not been reinstated.

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

(1) Derek Alan Artrip is hereby disbarred from the practice of law pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 4.1.

(2) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 4.7, Mr. Artrip shall pay restitution to his former client, Danielle Von Ohlen, in the amount of \$1,000.00. Restitution shall be a condition precedent to any reinstatement of Mr. Artrip's license to practice law. In the event restitution is made by the Tennessee Lawyer's Fund for Client Protection (TLFCP), Mr. Artrip shall reimburse TLFCP in the same amount.

(3) Mr. Artrip shall comply in all aspects with Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, §§ 18 and 19 regarding the obligations and responsibilities of disbarred attorneys.

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

(5) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 24.3, Mr. Artrip shall pay to the Board of Professional Responsibility the expenses and costs of this matter in the amount of \$410.29 and 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 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