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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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August 12, 2015

WEST VIRGINIA ATTORNEY DISBARRED

On August 12, 2015, Derek A. Artrip of Ona, West Virginia was disbarred by the Tennessee Supreme Court. The disbarment is effective immediately. Further, Mr. Artrip must pay the Board of Professional Responsibility's costs and expenses and the court costs within ninety days.

The Board of Professional Responsibility filed a Petition for Discipline based upon Mr. Artrip's representation of a plaintiff in a personal injury case. Mr. Artrip did not respond to written discovery, did not respond to a motion to compel, and did not respond to a motion to dismiss. After nonsuiting the case, Mr. Artrip failed to timely refile the case despite telling his client that he would do so. Thereafter, Mr. Artrip made misrepresentations to his client leading him to believe that the case was ongoing. Mr. Artrip failed to notify his client of his temporary suspension, his one (1) year suspension on May 9, 2013, and his disbarment on November 14, 2013. Mr. Artrip abandoned his client and failed to properly terminate their relationship. He also failed to respond to a request for information from the Board.

A Hearing Panel found Mr. Artrip's actions violated the following Rules of Professional Conduct: 1.1, Competence; 1.3, Diligence; 1.4, Communication; 1.16, Declining and Terminating Representation; 8.1(b), Bar Admissions and Disciplinary Matters; and 8.4(a), (c) and (g), Misconduct.

In unrelated cases, Mr. Artrip was previously suspended for one (1) year on May 9, 2013, and disbarred on November 14, 2013. To date, Mr. Artrip has not been reinstated from his previous suspension and disbarment.

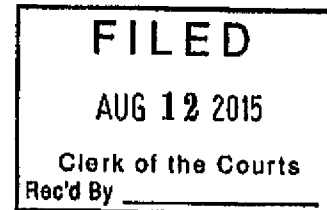
Mr. Artrip must comply with the requirements of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Sections 28 and 30 (2014), regarding the obligations and responsibilities of suspended attorneys.

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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. M2015-01501-SC-BAR-BP
BOPR No. 2014-2410-0-WM



ORDER OF ENFORCEMENT

This matter is before the Court upon a Petition for Discipline filed against Derek A. Artrip on December 30, 2014; upon a Motion for Default Judgment and That Charges in Petition For Discipline Be Deemed Admitted filed on February 4, 2015; upon an Order for Default Judgment entered on April 9, 2015; upon a hearing on May 7, 2015; upon the Judgment of the Hearing Panel entered on May 12, 2015; upon service of the Judgment of the Hearing Panel on Mr. Artrip by the Executive Secretary of the Board on May 12, 2015; upon the Board of Professional Responsibility's Application for Assessment of Costs filed on May 19, 2015; upon the Judgment on the Board of Professional Responsibility's Application for Assessment of Costs entered on June 8, 2015; upon consideration and approval by the Board on June 12, 2015; 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 Hearing Panel's Judgment recommending a disbarment.

On May 9, 2013, Mr. Artrip was suspended by this Court for one (1) year pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 4.2 (2006) (Case No. M2012-01410-SC-BPR-BP) and on November 14, 2013, he was disbarred pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 4.1 (2006) (Case No. M2013-02428-SC-BPR-BP). To date, Mr. Artrip has not requested, nor been granted reinstatement.

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

(1) Attorney Derek A. Artrip is disbarred pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.1 (2014).

(2) Additionally, Mr. Artrip shall comply in all aspects with Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, §§ 28 and 30.4 (2014) regarding the obligations and responsibilities of disbarred attorneys and the procedures for reinstatement.

(3) Prior to seeking reinstatement, Mr. Artrip must meet all CLE requirements; have remitted all outstanding registration fees and outstanding professional privilege taxes, including those due from the date of this disbarment until the date of reinstatement; and have remitted all court costs and Board costs in this matter.

(4) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 28.1 (2014), this Order shall be effective upon entry.

(5) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 31.3(d) (2014), Mr. Artrip shall pay to the Board of Professional Responsibility the expenses and costs of this matter in the amount of \$357.03 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, § 28.11 (2014).

PER CURIAM