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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: WESLEY MARKLAND BAKER, BPR #4660
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KNOXVILLE LAWYER SUSPENDED

On January 24, 2012, the Tennessee Supreme Court suspended the law license of Wesley Markland Baker, a Knoxville attorney, for a definite period of two years and indefinitely thereafter until Mr. Baker makes full restitution to his client and/or the Lawyer's Fund for Client Protection.

On November 5, 2010, the Board of Professional Responsibility filed a Petition for Discipline against Mr. Baker, pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 9. A Hearing Panel found Mr. Baker sought and received a loan from a client in violation of a court order. The client was found in contempt and ordered to pay attorney's fees. Mr. Baker failed to pay the attorney fees and failed to repay the loan.

Mr. Baker's actions violated the following Rules of Professional Conduct: 1.5 (Fees), 1.8 (Conflicts), 1.15 (Safekeeping Funds); 3.3 (Candor toward a Tribunal); 3.4 (Fairness to Opposing Party and Counsel); 8.1 (Disciplinary Matters) and 8.4 (Misconduct).

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

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AT NASHVILLE

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IN RE WESLEY MARKLAND BAKER, BPR #004660

An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee
(Knox County)

No. M2010-02009-SC-BPR-BP

BOPR Nos. 2010-1985-2-RS and 2010-1974-2-RS(4.3)

ORDER OF ENFORCEMENT

This matter is before the Court upon a Petition for Discipline filed on November 5, 2010 by the Board of Professional Responsibility ("Board") against Wesley Markland Baker in Docket No. 2010-1985-2-RS; upon the Board's Motion for Default Judgment filed January 6, 2011; upon the Order of the Hearing Panel entered on November 8, 2011; upon service of the Judgment on Mr. Baker sent by the Board on November 8, 2011; upon the Board's consideration and approval on December 9, 2011; upon expiration of the time to appeal 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 Order of the Hearing Panel as the Court's Order.

By Order entered September 24, 2010, in Case No. M2010-02009-SC-BPR-BP, Mr. Baker was temporarily suspended from the practice of law pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, §4.3. Further, Mr. Baker was suspended for nonpayment on October 25, 2010; CLE noncompliance on September 7, 2010 and suspended for IOLTA noncompliance on June 14, 2011. To date, Mr. Baker has not requested nor been granted reinstatement.

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

1. Wesley Markland Baker is hereby suspended from the practice of law for a definite period of two years and indefinitely thereafter until Mr. Baker makes full restitution to his client and/or Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection, pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 4.2.
2. The suspension shall become effective ten (10) days after the filing of this Order.
3. Mr. Baker 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.

4. Upon entry of this Order, the Order of Temporary Suspension entered September 24, 2010 is hereby dissolved.

5. Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 24.3, Mr. Baker shall pay to the Board of Professional Responsibility the expenses and costs of this matter in the amount of \$1,096.00 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 discipline to be published as required by Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 18.10.

FOR THE COURT:



WILLIAM C. KOCH, JR., JUSTICE

I, Michael W. Catalano, Clerk, hereby certify that this is a true and exact copy of the original

filed in the cause.

This 24 day of Jan. 2012
CLERK OF COURT

By:  D.C.