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SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE**

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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: FRANK ALFRED BAKER, BPR #31931
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BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY
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December 22, 2016

FLORIDA LAWYER DISBARRED

On December 22, 2016, Frank Alfred Baker, of Marianna, Florida, was disbarred by Order of the Tennessee Supreme Court retroactive to July 25, 2016, exclusive of any period of incarceration.

The Tennessee Supreme Court suspended Mr. Baker on July 25, 2016, pursuant to Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 22.3, based upon his conviction of conspiracy, two counts of making a false statement to the FDIC, making a false claim against the United States, and four counts of wire fraud. The Board of Professional Responsibility instituted a formal proceeding to determine the extent of final discipline to be imposed. Mr. Baker entered a conditional guilty plea calling for disbarment and restitution.

Mr. Baker's actions violated Rules of Professional Conduct 8.4(a) and (b), Misconduct.

Mr. Baker must comply with the requirements of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Sections 28 and 30.4, regarding the obligations and responsibilities of suspended attorneys. Mr. Baker must pay the Board's costs and expenses and the court costs within ninety days of the entry of the order.

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE

IN RE: FRANK ALFRED BAKER, BPR #31931
An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee
(Marianna, Florida)

No. M2016-01474-SC-BAR-BP
BOPR No. 2016-2609-0-WM(22.3)
BOPR No. 2016-2666-0-WM(25)

ORDER OF ENFORCEMENT

This matter is before the Court upon the July 25, 2016, Order of Enforcement suspending the license of Frank Alfred Baker and referring the matter to the Board of Professional Responsibility for the institution of formal proceedings to determine the extent of final discipline to be imposed; upon a Petition for Final Discipline filed against Frank Alfred Baker on July 26, 2016; upon Answer to Petition for Final Discipline filed by Mr. Baker on August 29, 2016; upon entry of a Conditional Guilty Plea filed by Mr. Baker on November 29, 2016; upon an Order Recommending Approval of Conditional Guilty Plea entered on November 29, 2016; upon consideration and approval by the Board on December 9, 2016; and upon the entire record in this cause.

This matter is also before the Court upon a Notice of Submission pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 25.

From all of which the Court approves the Order of the Hearing Panel and adopts the Hearing Panel's Order Recommending Approval of Conditional Guilty Plea as the Court's Order.

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

(1) Frank Alfred Baker is disbarred from the practice of law, pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.1, retroactive to July 25, 2016. The period of disbarment shall be served consecutive to his incarceration pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 22.5.

(2) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.7, and as a condition precedent to any reinstatement, Mr. Baker shall be in compliance with the restitution provisions of the Judgment in a Criminal Case in *United States of America v. Frank Alfred Baker*, Case

No. CR: 5:13-cr-00026-RS-EMT-3, in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Florida. In the event restitution is made by the Tennessee Lawyer's Fund for Client Protection (TLFCP), Mr. Baker shall reimburse TLFCP in the same amount.

(3) Prior to seeking reinstatement, Mr. Baker must have met 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) Additionally, Mr. Baker shall comply in all aspects with Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, §§ 28 and 30.4, regarding the obligations and responsibilities of disbarred attorneys and the procedure for reinstatement.

(5) This disbarment shall be in lieu of the reciprocal discipline provided for by Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 25, as a result of Mr. Brown's disbarment in Florida.

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

(7) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 31.3(d), Mr. Baker shall pay to the Board of Professional Responsibility the expenses and costs of this matter in the amount of \$39.38 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.

(8) The Board of Professional Responsibility shall cause notice of this discipline to be published as required by Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 28.11.

PER CURIAM