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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: MICHAEL BRANDON BARBER, BPR# 25885
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April 27, 2012

SHELBY COUNTY ATTORNEY SUSPENDED

On April 26, 2012, Michael Brandon Barber of Shelby County, Tennessee, was suspended for five years by the Tennessee Supreme Court pursuant to Rule 9, Section 4.2, of the Rules of the Supreme Court. Additionally, Mr. Barber was ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$3,436.50 to five former clients pursuant to Rule 9, Section 4.7, of the Rules of the Supreme Court.

Mr. Barber neglected the representation of several former clients and ultimately abandoned his practice. In one case, Mr. Barber deceived a client by stating that he had filed a lawsuit on her behalf when no such lawsuit was ever filed. Mr. Barber also failed to respond to the Board of Professional Responsibility concerning complaints filed against him.

By the aforementioned acts, Mr. Barber violated Rules 1.1 (competence), 1.3 (diligence), 1.4 (communication), 1.16 (terminating representation), 3.2 (expediting litigation), 8.1 (bar admission and disciplinary matters), and 8.4(a), (c), and (d) (misconduct) of the Rules of Professional Conduct.

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

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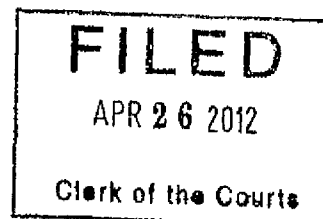
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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE

IN RE MICHAEL BRANDON BARBER, BPR #25885

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

No. M2012-00793-SC-BPR-BP
BOPR No. 2011-2031-9-KB



ORDER OF ENFORCEMENT

This matter is before the Court upon a Petition for Discipline filed by Disciplinary Counsel against Michael Brandon Barber, on April 8, 2011; upon a Motion for Default Judgment filed by the Board on October 7, 2011; upon an Order filed by the Hearing Panel on October 28, 2011, granting the Board's Motion for Default Judgment; upon a Supplemental Petition for Discipline filed by Disciplinary Counsel upon Mr. Barber on January 10, 2012; upon a Motion for Default Judgment pertaining to the Supplemental Petition for Discipline filed by the Board on February 7, 2012; upon an Order filed by the Hearing Panel on February 22, 2012, granting the Board's Motion for Default Judgment pertaining to the Supplemental Petition for Discipline; upon a Conditional Guilty Plea executed by Respondent on April 2, 2012, and filed with the Board on April 5, 2012; upon an Order Approving Conditional Guilty Plea entered by the Hearing Panel on April 10, 2012; upon the Board's approval of the Conditional Guilty Plea on April 12, 2012; and upon the entire record in this cause.

From all of which the Court approves the recommendation of the Hearing Panel and accepts the Conditional Guilty Plea.

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

1. Michael Brandon Barber, shall be and is hereby suspended from the practice of law for five (5) years, pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, §4.2.
2. As conditions to any future reinstatement, and pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 4.7, Mr. Barber shall pay restitution to the following individuals as set forth below.
 - a) Tammy Barron (\$1,000.00);
 - b) Alfonso Gonzales (\$850.00);
 - c) David Smith (\$700.00);
 - d) Emma Sanchez (\$600.00); and
 - e) Carolyn Davison (\$286.50).

3. Upon entry of this Order, the Order of Temporary Suspension entered on December 28, 2010, is hereby dissolved.

4. The suspension shall become effective within ten (10) days of the filing of this Order.

5. Mr. Barber 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.

6. Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 24.3, Mr. Barber shall pay to the Board of Professional Responsibility the expenses and costs of this matter in the amount of \$2,213.33 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.

7. The Board shall cause notice of this suspension to be published as required by Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 18.10.

FOR THE COURT:



WILLIAM C. KOCH, JR., JUSTICE