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MONTGOMERY COUNTY LAWYER DISBARRED

On June 22, 2012, the Tennessee Supreme Court disbarred Donrue Barnes-Hulsey, a Montgomery County attorney.

The Board of Professional Responsibility filed a Petition for Discipline against Ms. Barnes-Hulsey pursuant to Rule 9, Section 8.2, of the Rules of the Supreme Court of Tennessee. A Hearing Panel found Ms. Barnes-Hulsey neglected client matters; failed to communicate with clients; and abandoned her practice.

Ms. Barnes-Hulsey's actions violate Rules of Professional Conduct 1.3 (diligence); 1.4 (communication); 1.16 (terminating representation); 3.2 (expediting litigation) and 8.4 (misconduct).

Ms. Barnes-Hulsey was ordered to pay the expenses and costs of the disciplinary proceedings against her 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 disbarred attorneys as set forth in Rule 9, Section 18.

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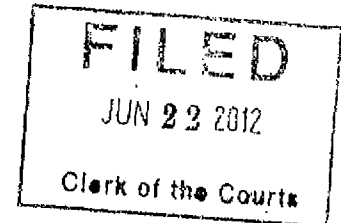
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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE

IN RE **DONRUA BARNES-HULSEY, BPR #019437**
An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee
(Montgomery County)

No. M2012-01247-SC-BPR-BP
BOPR No. 2011-2059-6-SG



ORDER OF ENFORCEMENT

This matter is before the Court upon a Petition for Discipline filed on July 14, 2011, by the Board of Professional Responsibility ("Board") against Donrue Barnes-Hulsey in Docket No. 2011-2059-6-SG; upon the Board's Motion for Default Judgment filed August 9, 2011; upon the Hearing Panel's Order granting the Board's Motion for Default Judgment filed November 15, 2011; upon the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and Recommendation of the Hearing Panel entered April 4, 2012; upon service of the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law of the Hearing Panel by the Board on April 5, 2012; upon the Board's consideration and approval of the Hearing Panel's Recommendation on April 16, 2012; upon expiration of Ms. Barnes-Hulsey's time to appeal; and upon the entire record in this cause.

From all of which the Court approves the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law of the Hearing Panel and adopts the Recommendations of the Hearing Panel as the Court's Order.

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

1. Donrue Barnes-Hulsey shall be and hereby is disbarred from the practice of law pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 4.1.
2. The disbarment shall become effective ten (10) days after the filing of this Order.
3. Ms. Barnes-Hulsey shall comply in all aspects with Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, §§ 18 and 19 regarding the obligations and responsibilities of disbarred attorneys and the procedure for reinstatement.
4. Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 24.3, Ms. Barnes-Hulsey shall pay to the Board of Professional Responsibility the expenses and costs of this matter in the amount of \$937.16 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.

5. 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