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**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**  
**RE: MATTHEW QUENTIN BASTIAN, BPR #12562**  
**CONTACT: A. RUSSELL WILLIS**  
**BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY**  
**615-361-7500**

February 3, 2016

**MAURY COUNTY LAWYER DISBARRED**

On February 3, 2016, Matthew Bastian, formerly of Columbia, Tennessee, was disbarred by Order of the Tennessee Supreme Court. The Order disbaring Mr. Bastian is effective as of the date of filing. Mr. Bastian is required to pay restitution to a former client and the Board's costs in the disciplinary action.

A Petition for Discipline was filed against Mr. Bastian alleging a lack of competence, diligence and communication; failure to refund unearned fees or respond to the Board; and abandoning his client and law practice. In December, 2012, Mr. Bastian received a \$4,500.00 retainer to prosecute an employment discrimination complaint. After entering his appearance as attorney of record, Mr. Bastian failed to appear at three (3) separate case management conferences or respond to an order from the Court. Mr. Bastian abandoned his client and his law practice without proper notice to his client, did not provide the professional services for which he was retained and failed to refund unearned fees. Mr. Bastian failed to respond to the Petition for Discipline or appear at trial.

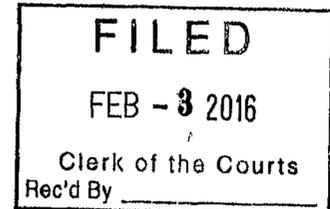
Mr. Bastian's conduct violated Rules of Professional Conduct (RPC) 1.1 (competence); 1.3 (diligence); 1.4 (communication); 1.16 (declining or terminating representation); 3.2 (expediting litigation); and 8.1 (bar admissions and disciplinary matters); and 8.4, (misconduct).

Mr. Bastian must comply with the requirements of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 28 and Section 30, regarding the obligations and responsibilities of disbarred attorneys and the procedures for reinstatement. He may not resume the practice of law until reinstated by an order of the Supreme Court.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE  
AT NASHVILLE

**IN RE: MATTHEW QUENTIN BASTIAN, BPR #12562**  
An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee  
(Maury County)

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No. M2016-00229-SC-BAR-BP  
BOPR No. 2014-2399-6-AW  
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**ORDER OF ENFORCEMENT**

This matter is before the Court upon a Petition for Discipline filed against Matthew Quentin Bastian on November 19, 2014; upon the Board's Motion for Default Judgment and that Charges in Petition for Discipline be Deemed Admitted filed April 24, 2015; upon the Hearing Panel's Order of Default Judgment and that Charges in Petition for Discipline be Deemed Admitted entered June 19, 2015; upon the Board's Application for Assessment of Costs filed September 10, 2015; upon the Hearing Panel's Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law entered November 13, 2015; upon service of the Hearing Panel's Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law on Mr. Bastian by the Executive Secretary of the Board on November 13, 2015; upon consideration and approval by the Board on December 11, 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 Order of the Hearing Panel and adopts the Hearing Panel's Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law as the Court's Order.

On July 9, 2014, Mr. Bastian's license to practice law was suspended by this Court for eleven (11) months and twenty-nine (29) days in Docket No. M2014-01248-SC-BAR-BP, and Mr. Bastian has not been reinstated.

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

(1) Matthew Quentin Bastian is disbarred pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.1 (2014).

(2) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.7 (2014), and as a condition precedent to any reinstatement, Mr. Bastian shall make restitution to Luis Sweeney in the amount of \$4,500.00 and shall furnish to the Board of Professional Responsibility proof of restitution. In the event restitution is made by the Tennessee Lawyer's Fund for Client Protection (TLFCP), Mr. Bastian shall reimburse TLFCP in the same amount.

(3) Prior to seeking reinstatement, Mr. Bastian must meet all CLE requirements; shall 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 shall have remitted all court costs and Board costs in this matter.

(4) Mr. Bastian 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 procedure for reinstatement.

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

(6) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 31.3(d) (2014), Mr. Bastian shall pay to the Board of Professional Responsibility the expenses and costs of this matter in the amount of \$912.84 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.

(7) 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