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KNOXVILLE ATTORNEY DISBARRED

On October 12, 2011, the Tennessee Supreme Court entered an Order of Enforcement for the disbarment of Richard R. Baumgartner of Knoxville, Tennessee. Mr. Baumgartner, through counsel, delivered to the Board of Professional Responsibility an affidavit consenting to disbarment because he could not successfully defend against a Petition for Final Discipline based on Mr. Baumgartner's guilty plea to official misconduct or the Board's investigation of other misconduct by Mr. Baumgartner. Mr. Baumgartner's actions violate Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 8, Rules of Professional Conduct 8.4 (misconduct).

Mr. Baumgartner must comply with Section 18 of Rule 9, Rules of the Supreme Court, regarding the obligations and responsibilities of disbarred attorneys.

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE

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RICHARD R. BAUMGARTNER, BPR#005980
An Attorney Licensed in Tennessee
(Knox County)

No. M2011-02176-SC-BPO-BP
BOPR Docket No. 2011-2024-2-SG(14)
File No. 34174-2-SG

ORDER OF ENFORCEMENT

This cause is before the Court upon the Affidavit of Richard R. Baumgartner of Knoxville, Tennessee, an attorney licensed to practice law in the State of Tennessee. Richard R. Baumgartner is subject to the disciplinary jurisdiction of the Supreme Court of Tennessee, pursuant to Rule 9 of the Rules of the Supreme Court of Tennessee.

It appears to the Court that Richard R. Baumgartner has delivered to the Board of Professional Responsibility an Affidavit in compliance with Section 15.1 of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9. Richard R. Baumgartner has consented to disbarment because he cannot successfully defend himself on the charges alleged in Docket No. 2011-2024-2-SG(14) and File No. 34174-2-SG. It is conceded that Richard R. Baumgartner has violated Rule 8.4 of the Rules of Professional Conduct.

It is, therefore, **ORDERED, ADJUDGED** and **DECREED** by the Court that:

1. Richard R. Baumgartner is hereby disbarred from the practice of law in Tennessee.
2. This Order of Enforcement shall be a matter of public record.
3. Pursuant to Section 15.3 of Rule 9, Rules of the Supreme Court, the affidavit filed by Richard R. Baumgartner shall not be publicly disclosed or made available for use in any other proceeding except upon further Order of this Court.
4. The Board of Professional Responsibility shall cause notice of this disbarment to be published in accordance with Section 18.10 of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9.

5. Richard R. Baumgartner shall comply with the requirements and obligations of disbarred attorneys as established in Section 18 of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9.
6. Pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 24.3, Richard R. Baumgartner shall pay to the Board of Professional Responsibility the expenses and costs of this matter in the amount of \$1,564.00 within ninety (90) days of the date of the entry of this Order, and in addition, shall pay to the Clerk of this Court the costs incurred herein, for all of which execution may issue if necessary.
7. Pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 9, Rules of the Supreme Court, Section 18.5, this Order shall be effective ten (10) days after the date of entry.

FOR THE COURT:



WILLIAM C. KOCH, JR., JUSTICE

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

filed in the cause.

This 12 day of Oct, 2011
CLERK OF COURT

By:  D.C.