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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: CHARLES RANDY PETTIGREW, BPR# 6601
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July 17, 2014

MADISON COUNTY LAWYER SUSPENDED

On July 3, 2014, Charles Randy Pettigrew, of Jackson, Tennessee, was suspended from the practice of law by Order of the Tennessee Supreme Court for three (3) years, retroactive to May 16, 2013. Mr. Pettigrew must pay the Board's costs and expenses and the court costs within ninety days of the entry of the Order of Enforcement.

The Board filed a Petition for Discipline on June 26, 2013 and a Supplemental Petition for Discipline on October 7, 2013. The petitions contained three (3) complaints of misconduct related to Mr. Pettigrew's failure to supervise a non-lawyer assistant to whom he had given significant authority over his trust account. Mr. Pettigrew exercised very little supervision of his assistant's use of the trust account. The assistant engaged in a pattern of inappropriately transferring significant sums of money between the trust and operating accounts. The assistant misappropriated approximately \$74,000 from a trust account. Thereafter, the assistant engaged in kiting checks between Mr. Pettigrew's trust accounts for months in an effort to conceal the misappropriations. As a result of the misappropriations, the sellers in a real estate transaction did not receive the purchase money. In addition, funds belonging to two other clients were missing from the trust account. The losses have all been made whole by Mr. Pettigrew's malpractice insurer.

Mr. Pettigrew's ethical misconduct violated Rules of Professional Conduct 5.3(b), Responsibilities Regarding Nonlawyer Assistants and 8.4(a), Misconduct. Mr. Pettigrew must comply with the requirements of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 18 (2006) and Section 30 (2014), regarding the obligations and responsibilities of suspended attorneys and the procedure for reinstatement.

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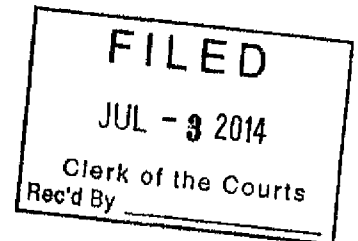
IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE

IN RE: CHARLES RANDY PETTIGREW, BPR # 6601

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

NO. M2013-01116-SC-BPR-BP

BOPR DOCKET NO. 2013-2232-7-WM



ORDER OF ENFORCEMENT

This matter is before the Court upon a Petition for Discipline filed against Charles Randy Pettigrew on June 26, 2013; upon an Answer of Charles Randy Pettigrew to Petition for Discipline filed on August 26, 2013; upon a Supplemental Petition for Discipline filed on October 7, 2013; upon Respondent's Response to Board of Professional Responsibility's Supplemental Petition for Discipline filed on December 16, 2013; upon entry of a Conditional Guilty Plea filed by Mr. Pettigrew on May 15, 2014; upon an Order Recommending Approval of Conditional Guilty Plea entered on May 15, 2014; upon consideration and approval by the Board on June 13, 2014; and upon the entire record in this cause.¹

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.

On May 16, 2013, Mr. Pettigrew was temporarily suspended by this Court pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 4.3 (Case No. M2013-01116-SC-BPR-BP). To date, Mr. Pettigrew has not requested, nor been granted reinstatement.

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

(1) Charles Randy Pettigrew is suspended for three (3) years pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 4.2 (2006), retroactive to May 16, 2013.

(2) Additionally, Mr. Pettigrew shall comply in all aspects with Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 18 (2006) and Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 30.4 (2014) regarding the obligations and

¹Because this cause was initiated prior to January 1, 2014, it is governed by the pre-2014 version of Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9 except where otherwise noted.

responsibilities of suspended attorneys and the procedure for reinstatement. Mr. Pettigrew must meet all CLE requirements and all registration requirements prior to reinstatement. Further, the Order of Temporary Suspension entered on May 16, 2013, in Case No. M2013-01116-SC-BPR-BP, is hereby dissolved.

(3) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 18.5 (2006), this Order shall be effective ten (10) days after the date of entry.

(4) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 24.3 (2006), Mr. Pettigrew shall pay to the Board of Professional Responsibility the expenses and costs of this matter in the amount of \$3,259.50 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.

(5) The Board of Professional Responsibility shall cause notice of this discipline to be published as required by Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 18.10 (2006).

FOR THE COURT:

Cornelia A. Clark
CORNELIA A. CLARK, JUSTICE