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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: LISA ZARZOUR BOWMAN, BPR #17972
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BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY
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January 22, 2018

HAMILTON COUNTY LAWYER SUSPENDED

On January 22, 2018, the Supreme Court of Tennessee entered an order suspending Lisa Zarzour Bowman from the practice of law for one (1) year with thirty (30) days being an active suspension and the remainder served on probation with the appointment of a practice monitor pursuant to Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Sections 12.2 and 12.9. In addition, Ms. Bowman must pay the Board's costs in the disciplinary proceeding.

On August 24, 2016, a Petition for Discipline containing one (1) complaint was filed against Ms. Bowman alleging lack of diligence, lack of communication, and incompetent representation. After a trial upon the merits, the Hearing Panel found Ms. Bowman (a) failed to timely prepare and file documents with the trial court for a period of nearly fifteen (15) months, failed to reasonably communicate with her client regarding changes made in the Final Decree of Divorce previously approved by the client and filed a Final Decree of Divorce not approved by the client which omitted a material term negotiated by the client with her husband. Ms. Bowman's unethical conduct violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.3 (diligence); 1.4 (communication); 3.2 (expediting litigation) and 8.4 (misconduct).

Ms. Bowman must comply with the requirements of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Sections 28 and 30.4, regarding the obligations and responsibilities of suspended attorneys and may not return to the active practice of law until an order of reinstatement has been entered by the Supreme Court.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE

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IN RE: LISA ZARZOUR BOWMAN, BPR #017972
An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee
(Hamilton County)

No. M2018-00123-SC-BAR-BP
BOPR No. 2016-2625-3-AW

ORDER OF ENFORCEMENT

This matter is before the Court upon a Petition for Discipline filed against Lisa Zarzour Bowman on August 24, 2016; upon Answer to Petition for Discipline filed by Ms. Bowman on October 13, 2016; upon a Motion to Strike, Dismiss and for Summary Judgment filed February 15, 2017, by Ms. Bowman; upon a Response and Memorandum in Opposition to Motion to Strike, Dismiss and for Summary Judgment filed March 17, 2017, by the Board; upon a Reply to the Board's Response in Opposition to Motion to Strike, Dismiss and for Summary Judgment filed March 24, 2017, and a Supplemental Reply filed April 7, 2017, by Ms. Bowman; upon an Order entered May 10, 2017, by the Hearing Panel; upon a Rule 56.04 Motion filed May 12, 2017, by Ms. Bowman; upon an Order on Rule 56.04 Motion entered May 17, 2017, by the Hearing Panel; upon the trial of this matter on May 18, 2017, and the entry of the Order of the Hearing Panel October 6, 2017; upon a Motion to Alter or Amend the Order of the Hearing Panel filed October 9, 2017, by the Board; upon the Order on Rule 59.04 Motion to Alter or Amend entered November 22, 2017, by the Hearing Panel; upon the Application for Assessment of Costs filed November 28, 2017, by the Board; upon the Findings and Judgment for Assessment of Costs entered December 18, 2017, by the Hearing Panel; upon service of the Order of the Hearing Panel upon Ms. Bowman on October 6, 2017; upon service of the Order on Rule 59.04 Motion to Alter or Amend upon Ms. Bowman on November 22, 2017; upon service of the Findings and Judgment for Assessment of Costs upon Ms. Bowman on December 18, 2017; and upon Ms. Bowman's waiver of her right to appeal the judgment of the Hearing Panel, and the Board's approval of the amended judgment and assessment of costs on December 28, 2017.

From all of which the Court approves the amended judgment of the Hearing Panel and adopts the same as the Court's Order.

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

(1) Lisa Zarzour Bowman is suspended from the practice of law for one (1) year with thirty (30) days being an active suspension and the remainder served on probation with the appointment of a practice monitor pursuant to Tenn. Sup. R. 9 §§ 12.2 and 12.9, subject to the following conditions of probation:

- (a) Ms. Bowman shall engage a practice monitor for the entire period of probation.
- (b) The practice monitor shall submit monthly written reports to the Board addressing the office management practices and any deficiencies related to reasonable, timely and meaningful communications with clients, and the timely preparation and filing of pleadings.
- (c) During the period of suspension and probation, Ms. Bowman shall incur no new complaints of misconduct that relate to conduct occurring during the period of suspension and probation and which results in the recommendation by the Board that discipline be imposed.

(2) In the event Ms. Bowman fails to meet any condition of probation, the probation may be revoked pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 14.2.

(3) Prior to seeking reinstatement, Ms. Bowman must have met all CLE requirements; have remitted all outstanding registration fees and outstanding professional privilege taxes, including those due from the date of this suspension until the date of reinstatement; and have remitted all court costs and Board costs in this matter.

(4) Ms. Bowman shall comply in all aspects with Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, §§ 28 and 30.4, regarding the obligations and responsibilities of suspended attorneys and the procedure for reinstatement.

(5) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 31.3(d), Ms. Bowman shall pay to the Board of Professional Responsibility the expenses and costs of this matter in the amount of \$5,630.40, 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.

(6) The Board of Professional Responsibility shall cause notice of this discipline to be published as required by Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 28.11.

PER CURIAM