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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: CHRISTOPHER LEE BROWN, BPR #15788
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September 27, 2013

SHELBY COUNTY ATTORNEY SUSPENDED

On September 27, 2013, Christopher Lee Brown of Memphis, Tennessee was suspended for three years by Order of the Tennessee Supreme Court. He must also make restitution to two clients, consult with the Tennessee Lawyers Assistance Program and pay the Board of Professional Responsibility's costs in this matter.

On June 2, 2011, the Board filed a Petition for Discipline and on April 23, 2012, filed a Supplemental Petition for Discipline alleging that Mr. Brown failed to act diligently and failed to communicate adequately with five clients. In addition, Mr. Brown accepted referrals from an unregistered intermediary organization in two matters. Mr. Brown also failed to comply with an order of the Hearing Panel and made a false statement to the Hearing Panel.

His actions violate the following Rules of Professional Conduct: 1.1, Competence; 1.2(a), Scope of Representation; 1.3, Diligence; 1.4, Communication; 1.16(d), Declining or Terminating Representation; 3.2, Expediting Litigation; 4.1(a), Truthfulness in Statements to Others; 7.1 Communications Concerning a Lawyer's Services; 7.3(b)(2), Solicitation of Potential Clients; 7.6(b)(1)(iv), Intermediary Organizations; and 8.4(a), (c) and (d), Misconduct. In addition, the Hearing Panel concluded that Mr. Brown violated the following Rules of Professional Conduct in his *pro se* representation during the disciplinary proceeding: 3.3, Candor toward the Tribunal; 8.1(b), Bar Admission and Disciplinary Matters; and 8.4(g), Misconduct.

Mr. Brown must comply with the requirements of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Sections 18 and 19 should he seek reinstatement of his Tennessee law license and he may not resume practice until reinstated by further order of this Court.

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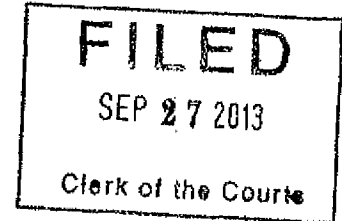
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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE

IN RE: CHRISTOPHER LEE BROWN, BPR #15788
An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee
(Shelby County)

NO. M2013-02115-SC-BAR-BP
BOPR Docket No. 2011-2052-9-RS



ORDER OF ENFORCEMENT

This matter is before the Court upon a Petition for Discipline filed against Christopher Lee Brown on June 2, 2011; upon the Response to the Petition for Discipline filed August 29, 2011; upon the Supplemental Petition for Discipline filed April 23, 2012; upon the Answer to Supplemental Petition for Discipline filed June 12, 2012; upon the Motion to Strike Answers filed April 30, 2013; upon the Hearing Panel's Order Granting the Motion to Strike Answers entered May 14, 2013; upon the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law of Hearing Panel entered July 12, 2013; upon consideration and approval by the Board on July 19, 2013; 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 Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law of the Hearing Panel and adopts the Hearing Panel's Order of Findings and Recommendation as the Court's Order.

On June 21, 2013, the Respondent, Christopher Lee Brown, was temporarily suspended in an unrelated matter by this Court pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 4.3 (Case No. M2013-01413-SC-BPR-BP). To date, the Respondent has not requested, nor been granted reinstatement.

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

(1) The Respondent, Christopher Lee Brown, is suspended from the practice of law for three (3) years.

(2) As a condition precedent to any reinstatement to the practice of law, Mr. Brown shall make restitution to the following individuals. In the event restitution is made by the Tennessee Lawyer's Fund for Client Protection (TLFCP), Mr. Brown shall reimburse TLFCP in the same amount:

- i. Patricia Koran -- \$4,000.00
- ii. Lani Carey -- \$1,500.00

(3) As an additional condition precedent to reinstatement to the practice of law, Mr. Brown shall be required to undergo an assessment with the Tennessee Lawyers Assistance Program ("TLAP") and follow any recommendations for monitoring or follow-up treatment that TLAP may recommend.

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

(5) The Respondent, Christopher Lee Brown, shall comply in all aspects with Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, §§ 18 and 19 regarding the obligations and responsibilities of suspended attorneys and the procedure for reinstatement.

(6) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 24.3, Mr. Brown shall pay to the Board of Professional Responsibility the expenses and costs of this matter in the amount of \$5,064.65 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.

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

FOR THE COURT:

Cornelia A. Clark
CORNELIA A. CLARK, JUSTICE