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. M2015-01309-SC-BAR-BP BOPR No. 2013-2238-9-WM FILED

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ORDER OF ENFORCEMENT

This matter is before the Court upon a Petition for Discipline filed against Christopher Lee Brown on July 17, 2013; upon an Order for Default Judgment entered February 6, 2014; upon a Supplemental Petition for Discipline and a Second Supplemental for Discipline filed on February 7, 2014; upon a Third Supplemental Petition for Discipline filed on July 14, 2014; upon an Order for Default Judgment entered in the Supplemental, Second Supplemental and Third Supplemental Petitions for Discipline on October 2, 2014; upon a hearing on November 17, 2014; upon the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Judgment entered on March 2, 2015; upon service of the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and Judgment on Mr. Brown by the Executive Secretary of the Board on March 2, 2015; upon consideration and approval by the Board on March 13, 2015; upon expiration of the appeal period with no appeal taken; and upon the entire record in this cause. This matter is also before the Court upon a Notice of Submission pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 22.3 (2014).

From all of which the Court approves the Judgment of the Hearing Panel and adopts the Hearing Panel's Judgment recommending a disbarment.

On June 21, 2013, the Respondent, Christopher Lee Brown, was temporarily suspended by this Court pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 4.3 (Case No. M2013-01413-SC-BPR-BP). By order of October 7, 2013, Mr. Brown was suspended by this Court for three (3) years pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 4.2 (Case No. M2013-02115-SC-BAR-BP). To date, the Respondent has not requested, nor been granted reinstatement from either suspension.

¹Because this cause was initiated prior to January 1, 2014, it is governed by Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9 (2006) except as otherwise noted.

- IT IS, THEREFORE, CONSIDERED, ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED BY THE COURT THAT:
- (1) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 4.1 (2006), Christopher Lee Brown is disbarred.
- (2) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 4.7 (2006), and as a condition precedent to any reinstatement, 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:
 - (a) David Upchurch \$3,000.00
 - (b) Tawanya Bell \$111,887.96
 - (c) Martha Shaw \$1,500.00
 - (d) Andrew Calhoun, O.D. \$1,500.00
 - (e) Teresa Baldwin \$92,500.00
 - (f) William Fentress \$1,100.00
 - (g) Grander Williams, Jr. \$3,325.00
 - (h) Charles Bratcher \$500.00
 - (i) Michelle Vidulich-Edwards \$4,300.00
- (3) Additionally, Mr. Brown shall comply in all aspects with Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, §§ 18 (2006) and 30.4 (2014) regarding the obligations and responsibilities of disbarred attorneys and the procedure for reinstatement. Prior to seeking reinstatement, Mr. Brown must meet all CLE requirements and pay any outstanding registration fees including those due from the date of disbarment until the date of reinstatement.
- (4) Further, the Order of Temporary Suspension entered on June 21, 2013 in Case No. M2013-01413-SC-BPR-BP is hereby dissolved.
- (5) This disbarment shall be in lieu of the suspension provided for by Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 22.3, as a result of Mr. Brown's plea of guilty to theft of property over \$60,000, and the Court declines to refer the matter to the Board for the institution of any formal proceeding as a result of the Notice of Submission.
- (6) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 18.5, this Order shall be effective ten (10) days after the date of entry.

- (7) 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 \$3,186.81 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.
- (8) The Board of Professional Responsibility shall cause notice of this discipline to be published as required by Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 18.10.

PER CURIAM