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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: CHRISTOPHER LEE BROWN, BPR #15788
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BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY
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March 30, 2016

SHELBY COUNTY LAWYER DISBARRED

On March 30, 2016, Christopher Lee Brown, of Memphis, Tennessee, was disbarred from the practice of law by Order of the Tennessee Supreme Court. In addition, Mr. Brown must make restitution as a condition of reinstatement. The order is effective March 30, 2016. Mr. Brown must pay the Board's costs and expenses and the court costs within ninety days of the entry of the Order of Enforcement.

Mr. Brown took a fee from a client and failed to perform the work for which he was retained. He failed to refund the unearned fee. He failed to advise the client of his prior suspensions in violation of a Tennessee Supreme Court order. He made misrepresentations to his client leading him to believe that he was continuing to work on his matter when he was not. Mr. Brown abandoned the representation of his client and also abandoned his law practice.

Mr. Brown's ethical misconduct violated Tennessee Rules of Professional Conduct 1.3, Diligence; 1.4, Communication; 1.16, Declining and Terminating Representation; and 8.4(a), (c) and (g), Misconduct.

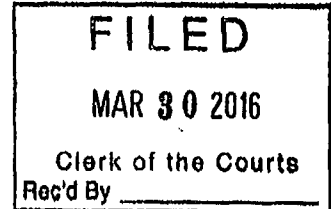
Mr. Brown was previously suspended for three (3) years by the Tennessee Supreme Court on October 7, 2013 and disbarred on July 20, 2015. He has not been reinstated from the suspension or disbarment.

Mr. Brown must comply with the requirements of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Sections 28 and 30, regarding the obligations and responsibilities of suspended attorneys.

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. M2016-00605-SC-BAR-BP
BOPR No. 2015-2411-9-WM



ORDER OF ENFORCEMENT

This matter is before the Court upon a Petition for Discipline filed against Christopher Lee Brown on January 2, 2015; upon an Answer to Petition for Discipline filed on January 29, 2015; upon the Board of Professional Responsibility's Motion to Strike Respondent's Answer to Petition for Discipline and for Default Judgment filed on June 29, 2015; upon an Order for Default Judgment entered August 26, 2015; upon a hearing on October 28, 2015; upon the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Judgment entered on December 21, 2015; upon service of the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Judgment on Mr. Brown by the Executive Secretary of the Board on December 21, 2015; upon the Board of Professional Responsibility's Application for Assessment of Costs filed on December 22, 2015; upon the Judgment on Board of Professional Responsibility's Application for Assessment of Costs entered on January 27, 2016; upon consideration and approval by the Board on March 11, 2016; 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 Judgment of the Hearing Panel and adopts the Hearing Panel's Judgment recommending a disbarment.

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 (2006) (Case No. M2013-02115-SC-BAR-BP). By order of July 20, 2015, Mr. Brown was disbarred by this Court pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.1 (2014) (Case No. M2015-01309-SC-BAR-BP). To date, the Respondent has not requested, nor been granted reinstatement from the suspension or disbarment.

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

(1) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.1, Christopher Lee Brown is disbarred.

(2) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.7, and as a condition precedent to any reinstatement, Mr. Brown shall make restitution to Bill Swanner in the amount of \$3,450.00. 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.

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

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

(5) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 28.1, this Order shall be effective upon entry.

(6) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 31.3(d), Mr. Brown shall pay to the Board of Professional Responsibility the expenses and costs of this matter in the amount of \$307.17 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.

(7) 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