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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: LARRY DEAN CANTRELL, BPR #009921
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BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY
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February 25, 2020

MCMINN COUNTY LAWYER DISBARRED

On February 25, 2020, the Supreme Court of Tennessee entered an order disbaring Larry Dean Cantrell from the practice of law, pursuant to Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 12.2, for misappropriating funds and not completing the work to close estates while serving as attorney in three (3) separate estates and trusts. Mr. Cantrell is required to pay restitution to the estates totaling \$65,000.00.

Mr. Cantrell's conduct violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.3 (diligence), 1.5(a) (fees), 3.2 (expediting litigation), 3.4(c) (fairness to opposing party and counsel), and 8.4(a), (b), (c) and (d) (misconduct).

Mr. Cantrell must comply with the requirements of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Sections 18 and 30, regarding the obligations and responsibilities of disbarred attorneys and may not return to the active practice of law until an order of reinstatement has been entered by the Supreme Court.

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE

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IN RE: LARRY DEAN CANTRELL, BPR #009921

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

No. M2020-00262-SC-BAR-BP

BOPR No. 2019-2983-3-JM

ORDER OF ENFORCEMENT

This matter is before the Court upon a Petition for Discipline filed against Larry Dean Cantrell on March 21, 2019; upon Response to Petition for Discipline filed by Mr. Cantrell on July 16, 2019; upon entry of a Conditional Guilty Plea filed by Mr. Cantrell on January 23, 2020; upon an Order Recommending Approval of Conditional Guilty Plea entered on January 28, 2020; upon the Board of Professional Responsibility's consideration and approval by Board Ballot on February 5, 2020; and upon the entire record in this cause.

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 April 3, 2018, Mr. Cantrell was disbarred from the practice of law pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.1 (Case No. M2017-00259-SC-BAR-BP). To date, Mr. Cantrell has not been reinstated from this disbarment.

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

- (1) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.1, Larry Dean Cantrell is disbarred from the practice of law.
- (2) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, §12.7, Mr. Cantrell shall be required to make restitution to the following individuals. Payment of restitution is a condition precedent to reinstatement. In the event restitution is made by the Tennessee Lawyer's Fund for Client Protection ("TLFCP"), Mr. Cantrell will be responsible for reimbursement to the TLFCP in the same amount:

- (a) Estate of Troy Hampton - \$20,000.00
- (b) Estate of Joan Hampton - \$20,000.00
- (c) Estate of Lillie Barnett - \$25,000.00

- (3) Prior to seeking reinstatement, Mr. Cantrell must meet all CLE requirements; have remitted all outstanding registration fees and outstanding professional privilege taxes, including those due from the date of suspension until the date of reinstatement; and have remitted all court costs and Board costs in this matter.
- (4) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 28.1, this Order shall be effective immediately.
- (5) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 31.3(d), Mr. Cantrell shall pay to the Board of Professional Responsibility the expenses and costs of this matter in the amount of \$641.70 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) Additionally, Mr. Cantrell 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.
- (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