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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: CHARLES ALPHONSO CARPENTER, BPR #016429
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BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY
615-361-7500

October 22, 2021

BLOUNT COUNTY LAWYER DISBARRED

Effective October 22, 2021, the Tennessee Supreme Court permanently disbarred Charles Alphonso Carpenter from the practice of law. Mr. Carpenter consented to permanent disbarment because he could not successfully defend the charges alleged in Petitions for Discipline and complaints filed against him with the Board.

In the pending Petition for Discipline, Mr. Carpenter failed to communicate with his clients, failed to file proper pleadings relative to the immigration matters, failed to correct errors in documents submitted and failed to inform his clients of his errors. In another matter, Mr. Carpenter signed the name of his client to an emergency Juvenile Petition as an affiant and then notarized, with his own notary seal, the signature. In pending disciplinary investigations, Mr. Carpenter represented eight clients in immigration matters and failed to communicate with his clients, failed to file proper pleadings in the immigration matters, failed to correct improperly filed immigration pleadings, failed to inform clients of his errors, and received fees but performed no work. Mr. Carpenter also failed to respond to Disciplinary counsel requests for information during the investigatory process.

Mr. Carpenter's conduct violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.3 (diligence), 1.4 (communication), 1.5 (fees), 8.1(b) (disciplinary matters), and 8.4(a), (c) and (d) (misconduct).

Mr. Carpenter must comply with the requirements of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Sections 28 regarding the obligations and responsibilities of disbarred attorneys and is not eligible for reinstatement to the practice of law in this state.

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Clerk of the Appellate Courts

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE AT NASHVILLE

IN RE: CHARLES ALPHONSO CARPENTER, BPR #016429

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

No. M2021-01234-SC-BAR-BP

BOPR No. 2020-3071-2-BL and FILE NOS. 65885-2-DB, 66665c-2-DB, 66907-2-DB, 67208c-2-DB, 67359-2-DB, 67646c-2-SB, 67867-2-SB, and 68513-2-SB

ORDER OF ENFORCEMENT

This cause is before the Court upon a Notice of Submission filed by the Board of Professional Responsibility providing notice pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 23 of the affidavit of Charles Alphonso Carpenter, consenting to disbarment. Mr. Carpenter is an attorney licensed to practice law in the State of Tennessee and is subject to the disciplinary jurisdiction of the Supreme Court of Tennessee pursuant to Rule 9 of the Rules of the Supreme Court of Tennessee.

Mr. Carpenter has delivered to the Board of Professional Responsibility an affidavit in compliance with Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 23.1. Charles Alphonso Carpenter has consented to disbarment because he cannot successfully defend himself against charges alleged in Board Petition No. 2020-3071-2-BL and Board File Nos. (a) 65885-2-DB, (b) 66665c-2-DB, (c) 66907-2-DB, (d) 67208c-2-DB, (e) 67359-2-DB, (f) 67646c-2-SB, (g) 67867-2-SB, and (h) 68513-2-SB.

IT IS, THEREFORE, CONSIDERED, ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED by the Court that:

- (1) Charles Alphonso Carpenter is permanently disbarred from the practice of law in Tennessee.
 - (2) This Order of Enforcement shall be a matter of public record.
- (3) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 23.3, the affidavit filed by Charles Alphonso Carpenter shall not be publicly disclosed or made available for use in any other proceeding except upon further Order of this Court.

- (4) The Board of Professional Responsibility shall cause notice of this disbarment to be published in accordance with Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 28.11.
- (5) Mr. Carpenter shall pay to the Clerk of this Court the costs incurred herein, for all of which execution may issue if necessary.
- (6) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 28.1, this Order shall be effective upon entry.

PER CURIAM