IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE AT NASHVILLE

IN RE: RICHARD D. CARTWRIGHT, BPR #11242

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

NO. M2008-02620 5C-18PD-BP IN

BOPR Nos. 2006-1619-8-LC & 2007-1671-8-LC

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ORDER OF ENFORCEMENT

This matter is before the Court upon a Petition for Discipline (No. 2006-1619-8-LC) filed on July 14, 2006 by the Board of Professional Responsibility ("Board") against Richard D. Cartwright ("Respondent"); upon Answer of Respondent filed on August 7, 2006; upon a second Petition for Discipline (No. 2007-1671-8-LC) filed on April 17, 2007 by the Board against the Respondent; upon an Order Continuing Hearing and Consolidating Cases entered by the Hearing Panel on May 29, 2007; upon a Conditional Guilty Plea filed by Respondent on October 15, 2008; upon an Order Approving the Conditional Guilty Plea filed by the Hearing Panel on November 5, 2008; and upon the entire record in this cause.

From all of which the Court accepts the Respondent's Conditional Guilty Plea and concludes that a three (3) year suspension with the first year served as an active suspension followed by two (2) years of probation is appropriate. Additionally, the Court concludes that restitution and continued compliance with a TLAP contract throughout the period of suspension and probation is appropriate.

It is therefore, ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED by the Court that:

- 1. Respondent, Richard D. Cartwright, be and is hereby suspended from the practice of law for three (3) years with the first year served as an active suspension followed by two (2) years of probation. The suspension shall become effective ten (10) days after the filing of this Order.
- 2. Pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 4.7, Respondent shall pay restitution as follows:
 - a) Restitution to William Timothy Hill, Esquire, in the amount of \$2,287.45.
 - b) Restitution to Linda Geralds in the amount of \$1,000.00.

- c) Restitution to Candra Pipkin in the amount of \$2,250.00.
- 3. Respondent shall continue to comply with his existing TLAP contract throughout the suspension, including the probationary period.
- 4. Respondent shall comply in all aspects with Supreme Court Rule 9, Sections 18 and 19 regarding the obligations and responsibilities of suspended attorneys and the procedure for reinstatement.
- 5. Pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 24.3, the Respondent shall pay to the Board of Professional Responsibility the expenses and costs of this matter in the amount of \$3,356.90, and in addition, shall pay to the Clerk of this Court the costs incurred herein, for all of which execution may issue if necessary.
- 6. The Board shall cause notice of this suspension to be published as required by Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 18.10.

FOR THE COURT:

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JUSTICE