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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
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WAYNE COUNTY LAWYER SUSPENDED

On July 5, 2011, John Wilburn Castleman, Jr., of Waynesboro, Tennessee, was suspended by Order of the Tennessee Supreme Court for a period of one (1) year. The suspension is retroactive to December 14, 2009, the date of his temporary suspension from the practice of law. He was further ordered to pay restitution. He must also pay the Board's costs.

On May 14, 2010, the Board of Professional Responsibility filed a Petition for Discipline against Mr. Castleman pursuant to Rule 9 of the Rules of the Supreme Court of Tennessee. Mr. Castleman failed to communicate with clients, failed to diligently pursue the clients' divorce matters and failed to return unearned fees.

His actions violate the following Rule(s) of Professional Conduct: 1.3, Diligence; 1.4, Communication; 1.5, Fees; 8.1 Bar Admission and Disciplinary Matters; and 8.4, Misconduct.

Mr. Castleman must comply with the requirements of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Sections 18 and 19, should he seek reinstatement of his Tennessee law license and he may not resume practice until reinstated by further order of this Court.

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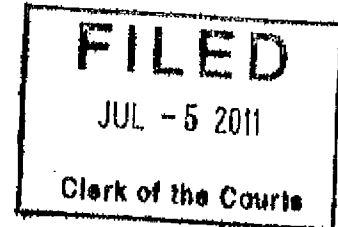
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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE

IN RE: JOHN WILBURN CASTLEMAN, JR., BPR #23551
An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee
(Wayne County)

NO. M2011-01451-SC-BPO-BP
BOPR No. 2010-1932-6-CM



ORDER OF ENFORCEMENT

This matter is before the Court upon a Petition for Discipline filed by Disciplinary Counsel against Respondent, John Wilburn Castleman, Jr., on May 14, 2010; upon an Answer filed by the Board of Professional Responsibility on November 3, 2010; upon the entering of a Conditional Guilty Plea by the Respondent on May 12, 2011; upon the Order Recommending Approval of Conditional Guilty Plea by a Hearing Panel on May 17, 2011; upon the Board of Professional Responsibility's approval of the Conditional Guilty Plea on June 10, 2011; and upon the entire record in this cause.

From all of which the Court approves the recommendation of the Hearing Panel and accepts the Conditional Guilty Plea.

By Order entered December 14, 2009 (M2009-02533-SC-BPR-BP), Respondent was temporarily suspended pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 4.3, for failing to respond to one (1) of the disciplinary complaints incorporated into this Petition for Discipline.

It is, therefore, **ORDERED, ADJUDGED** and **DECREED** by the Court,

1. The Respondent, John Wilburn Castleman, Jr., shall be suspended for one (1) year retroactive to December 14, 2009, pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 4.2.

2. That the Respondent's temporary suspension, ordered on December 14, 2009, is hereby dissolved.

3. The Hearing Panel recommended that the Respondent submit to an evaluation by the Tennessee Lawyer's Assistance Program (TLAP), and, if a Monitoring Agreement is entered with TLAP, shall have the Board listed as a reporting agency. Prior to the entry of this Order, the Respondent entered into a Monitoring Agreement with

TLAP listing the Board as a reporting agency.

4. The Respondent shall pay restitution to Nicholas Burns in the amount of \$800.00, and to Mr. and Mrs. David Floyd in the amount of \$400.00, pursuant to S. Ct. Rule 9, §4.7. Full payment of these amounts is a condition 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 \$321.67 and in addition, shall pay to the Clerk of this Court the costs incurred herein, within ninety (90) days from the entry of this order, for all of which execution may issue if necessary.

6. That the Respondent shall comply in all aspects with Rule 9, Section 18 of the Rules of the Supreme Court regarding the obligations and responsibilities of suspended attorneys.

7. The Board of Professional Responsibility shall cause notice of this discipline to be published as required by Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 18.10.

FOR THE COURT:

Cornelia A. Clark
CORNELIA A. CLARK
CHIEF JUSTICE

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I, Michael W. Catalano, Clerk, hereby certify that
this is a true and exact copy of the original
Order of Enforcement
filed in the cause.
This 3rd day of July, 2011
CLERK OF COURT
By: John March D.C.