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March 26, 2014

WILLIAMSON COUNTY LAWYER SUSPENDED

On March 25, 2014, John Jay Clark of Williamson County, Tennessee was suspended by the Tennessee Supreme Court for one (1) year all of which is to be served on probation subject to the conditions that he engage a practice monitor, comply with the Tennessee Lawyers Assistance Program recommendations, and pay restitution and costs.

The Board of Professional Responsibility filed a Petition for Discipline against Mr. Clark pursuant to Rule 9, Rules of the Supreme Court. The Petition alleged that Mr. Clark failed to adequately communicate with his clients and was not diligent in pursuing their cases. Mr. Clark submitted a Conditional Guilty Plea acknowledging violations of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 8, Rules of Professional Conduct 1.3 (diligence); 1.4 (communication), and 8.4(a), (misconduct).

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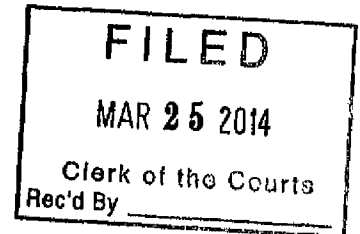
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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE

IN RE: JOHN JAY CLARK, BPR# 24360
An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee
(Williamson County)

No. M2014-00531-SC-BAR-BP
BOPR No. 2013-2219-6-AJ



ORDER OF ENFORCEMENT

This matter is before the Court upon a Petition for Discipline filed against John Jay Clark on May 13, 2013; upon Answer to Petition for Discipline filed by Mr. Clark on June 20, 2013; upon entry of a Conditional Guilty Plea filed by Mr. Clark on February 24, 2014; upon an Order Recommending Approval of Conditional Guilty Plea entered on February 26, 2014; upon consideration and approval by the Board on March 8, 2014; and upon the entire record in this cause.¹

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.

It is, therefore, ordered, adjudged and decreed by the Court that:

(1) John Jay Clark is suspended for one (1) year pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 4.2. However, pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 8.5, the suspension shall be fully probated subject to the following conditions:

(a) Mr. Clark shall engage a practice monitor for the entire period of probation at his own expense. Mr. Clark shall provide a list of potential practice monitors for selection by the Board within thirty (30) days of entry of the Order of Enforcement.

(b) The practice monitor shall submit monthly reports to the Board addressing the following areas: assessment of case load, timeliness of tasks, and adequacy of communication between Mr. Clark and his clients.

¹Because this cause was initiated prior to January 1, 2014, it is governed by the pre-2014 version of Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9

(c) Mr. Clark shall submit to Tennessee Lawyers Assistance Program (TLAP) for an evaluation and comply with any TLAP recommendations.

(d) Mr. Clark shall make restitution to Greg Wells in the amount of \$2,500.00. In the event restitution is made by the Tennessee Lawyer's Fund for Client Protection (TLFCP), Mr. Clark shall reimburse TLFCP in the same amount. Payment in full shall be made on or before eleven (11) months and twenty-nine (29) days after the effective date of the Order of Enforcement. Mr. Clark shall provide proof of payment to the Board as payments are made.

(e) Mr. Clark shall pay the costs of this cause as set forth below.

(2) In the event Mr. Clark fails to meet any condition of probation, the probation may be revoked pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 8.5.

(3) Additionally, Mr. Clark shall comply in all aspects with Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 18 regarding the obligations and responsibilities of suspended attorneys.

(4) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 18.5, this Order shall be effective ten (10) days after the date of entry.

(5) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 24.3, Mr. Clark shall pay to the Board of Professional Responsibility the expenses and costs of this matter in the amount of \$891.45 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) The Board of Professional Responsibility shall cause notice of this discipline to be published as required by Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 18.10.

FOR THE COURT:

Cornelia A. Clark
CORNELIA A. CLARK, JUSTICE