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**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**  
**RE: JOHN JAY CLARK, BPR #24360**  
**CONTACT: ALAN D. JOHNSON**  
**BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY**  
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December 15, 2016

**WILLIAMSON COUNTY LAWYER DISBARRED**

On December 14, 2016, the Tennessee Supreme Court disbarred John Jay Clark from the practice of law pursuant to Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 12.1. Mr. Clark must pay the Board of Professional Responsibility's costs and expenses and court costs within ninety days.

The Board filed a Petition for Discipline against Mr. Clark that included five complainants. In two complaints, Mr. Clark was paid for representation in criminal court and abandoned his clients. In another complaint, Mr. Clark accepted a fee for a divorce case, and after obtaining a default judgment, he failed to file an order memorializing the default and failed to get a final decree.

Mr. Clark also accepted a fee in another divorce case and never filed a complaint for divorce. For several months thereafter, he misrepresented to the client that the case was pending, instructed the client to meet him at court and informed her that she was divorced which was not true.

Finally, in another divorce case, Mr. Clark accepted a fee, filed a complaint for divorce, and then sent his client a divorce decree on which he had forged the signature of the judge. Mr. Clark was suspended from the practice of law while representing some of the clients who filed complaints.

The Hearing Panel found that Mr. Clark violated RPC 1.3 (diligence), 1.4 (communication), 1.5 (fees), 1.16 (terminating representation), 3.2 (expediting litigation), 5.5 (unauthorized practice of law), 8.1 (disciplinary matters) and 8.4 (a) (misconduct) and Rule 8.4 (a), (b) and (c) (misconduct, criminal conduct and conduct involving dishonesty).

Mr. Clark must pay restitution to his clients as a condition of reinstatement to the practice of law.

In an unrelated case, Mr. Clark was suspended from the practice of law for four years on June 26, 2015. To date, Mr. Clark has not been reinstated from his previous suspension.

Mr. Clark must comply with Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 28 regarding the obligations and responsibilities suspended attorneys.

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Clerk of the  
Appellate Courts

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)

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**No. M2016-02465-SC-BAR-BP**  
BOPR No. 2016-2550-6-AJ

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**ORDER OF ENFORCEMENT**

This matter is before the Court upon a Petition for Discipline filed against John Jay Clark on February 17, 2016; upon a Motion for Default Judgment and that the Allegations Contained in the Petition for Discipline be Deemed Admitted filed on May 31, 2016; upon an Order Granting Motion for Default on June 24, 2016; upon final hearing held before a Hearing Panel on July 22, 2016; upon the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law filed on September 1, 2016; upon service of the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law upon Mr. Clark by the Executive Secretary of the Board on September 2, 2016; upon the Board's Application for Assessment of Costs filed September 14, 2016; upon the Hearing Panel's Judgment on Assessment of Costs entered September 26, 2016; upon service of the Hearing Panel's Judgment on Assessment of Costs upon Mr. Clark on September 26, 2016; upon consideration and approval by the Board on October 28, 2016; upon expiration of the appeal period with no appeal taken; 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 Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law as the Court's Order.

On June 26, 2015, Mr. Clark was suspended by this Court for four (4) years, pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.2 (Case No. M2015-01166-SC-BAR-BP). To date, Mr. Clark has not requested, nor been granted reinstatement.

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

- (1) Mr. Clark is disbarred from the practice of law.

(2) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.7, and as a condition precedent to any reinstatement, Mr. Clark shall make restitution to the following individuals and shall furnish to the Board of Professional Responsibility proof of restitution. 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:

- Tina Melton - \$1,000.00
- Glenda Stampley-Bazie - \$657.00
- Myra Jackson - \$500.00
- Omar Zamarron - \$2,500.00

(3) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 28.1, this Order shall be effective upon entry.

(4) Prior to seeking reinstatement, Mr. Clark must have met all CLE requirements; have remitted all outstanding registration fees and outstanding professional privilege taxes, including those due from the date of this disbarment until the date of reinstatement; and have remitted all court costs and Board costs in this matter.

(5) Additionally, Mr. Clark 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.

(6) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 31.3(d), Mr. Clark shall pay to the Board of Professional Responsibility the expenses and costs of this matter in the amount of \$802.15, 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.

(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