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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: JOHN JAY CLARK, BPR #24360
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BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY
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August 9, 2017

WILLIAMSON COUNTY LAWYER DISBARRED

On August 9, 2017, John Jay Clark was disbarred by the Tennessee Supreme Court. The disbarment took effect immediately. Mr. Clark must pay the Board of Professional Responsibility's costs and expenses and court costs within ninety days.

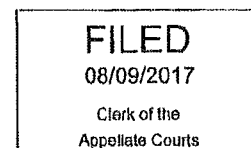
On November 2, 2016, the Tennessee Supreme Court summarily suspended John Jay Clark from the practice of law pursuant to Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 22.3 based upon Mr. Clark's conviction for forgery. On November 22, 2016, the Board of Professional Responsibility filed a Final Petition for Discipline to determine the extent of Mr. Clark's discipline.

Mr. Clark's convictions arose from his representation of two clients in uncontested divorce cases. Mr. Clark prepared final decrees for his clients and forged the signature of the judge. He then gave the final decrees to his clients leading them to believe they were divorced. In one case, the spouse of Mr. Clark's client re-married based upon his belief that he was divorced. Mr. Clark is ordered to pay restitution to three (3) victims of his crime in the total amount of \$3,322.00. Mr. Clark's conduct violated Rules of Professional Conduct 8.4 (a), (b), and (c) (Misconduct).

In an unrelated case, Mr. Clark was previously disbarred on December 14, 2016. To date, Mr. Clark has not been reinstated from his previous disbarment.

Mr. Clark must comply with the requirements of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Sections 28 and 30.4, regarding the obligations and responsibilities of disbarred attorneys and may not return to the active practice of law until an order of reinstatement has been entered by the Supreme Court.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE



IN RE: JOHN JAY CLARK, BPR #024360
An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee
(Williamson County)

No. M2016-02199-SC-BAR-BP
BOPR No. 2016-2649-6-AJ-22.3

ORDER OF ENFORCEMENT

This matter is before the Court upon Petition for Final Discipline filed against John Jay Clark, on November 22, 2016; upon Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law entered by the Hearing Panel on May 11, 2017; upon Application for Assessment of Costs filed by the Board on May 12, 2017; upon Judgment on Application for Assessment of Costs entered by the Hearing Panel on June 1, 2017; upon consideration and approval by the Board on June 9, 2017; upon expiration of the time to appeal; 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). On June 27, 2016, Mr. Clark was suspended for non-payment of the Professional Privilege tax. On December 14, 2016, Mr. Clark was disbarred from the practice of law pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.1 (Case No. M2016-02465-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) John Jay Clark is disbarred from the practice of law, pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.1.

(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:

- James D. Edgar: \$932.50
- Christina Coleman: \$1,789.50
- Troy Coleman: \$600.00

(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 \$523.33, 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