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DAVIDSON COUNTY ATTORNEY DISBARRED

On May 5, 2014, the Supreme Court of Tennessee disbarred John E. Clemmons, of Davidson County, Tennessee, retroactive to April 2, 2013, the date on which Mr. Clemmons was temporarily suspended. Mr. Clemmons consented to disbarment because he could not successfully defend charges filed against him with the Board alleging that he misappropriated money from several wards for whom he had been appointed conservator, and pled guilty to four counts of theft in amounts over \$60,000.00, aggravated perjury and TennCare fraud. Mr. Clemmons' actions violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.3 (diligence), 1.15 (safekeeping property), 3.4 (fairness to opposing party) and 8.4 (misconduct).

Mr. Clemmons must comply with the requirements of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Sections 18 and 19, regarding the obligations and responsibilities of disbarred attorneys and procedures for reinstatement.

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE

IN RE: JOHN E. CLEMMONS, BPR #018354

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

NO. M2013-02739-SC-BAR-BP
BOPR DOCKET NOS. 2013-2233-5-AJ
2013-2169-5-AJ (4.3)
2013-2275-5-AJ (14)

ORDER OF ENFORCEMENT

This cause is before the Court upon the Affidavit of John E. Clemmons, of Nashville, Davidson County, an attorney licensed to practice law in the State of Tennessee. John E. Clemmons is subject to the disciplinary jurisdiction of the Supreme Court of Tennessee, pursuant to Rule 9 of the Rules of the Supreme Court of Tennessee.

It appears to the Court that John E. Clemmons has delivered to the Board of Professional Responsibility an Affidavit in compliance with Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 15.1.¹ Mr. Clemmons has consented to disbarment because he cannot successfully defend himself against the charges alleged in Board Docket Nos. 2013-2233-5-AJ, 2013-2169-5-AJ (4.3) and 2013-2275-5-AJ (14) which are pending against him. It is conceded that John E. Clemmons has violated Rules 1.3, 1.15, 3.4(c), 8.4(a), (b) and (c) of the Rules of Professional Conduct.

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

1. John E. Clemmons is hereby disbarred from the practice of law in Tennessee retroactive to the Order of Temporary Suspension entered by this Court on April 2, 2013.
2. This Order of Enforcement shall be a matter of public record.
3. The Affidavit filed by Mr. Clemmons shall not be publicly disclosed or made available for use in any other proceeding except upon further Order of this Court.

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

4. Upon entry of this Order, the Order of Temporary Suspension entered on April 2, 2013, is hereby dissolved.
5. Mr. Clemmons shall comply in all respects with Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, §§ 18 and 19 regarding the requirements and obligations of disbarred attorneys and the procedures for reinstatement.
6. Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 24.3, Mr. Clemmons shall pay to the Board of Professional Responsibility the expenses and costs of this matter in the amount of \$1,192.87 within ninety (90) days of the date of the entry of this Order, and in addition, shall pay to the Clerk of this Court the costs incurred herein, for all of which execution may issue if necessary.
7. Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 18.5, this Order shall be effective ten (10) days after the date of entry.
8. The Board of Professional Responsibility shall cause notice of this disbarment to be published in accordance with Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 18.10.

FOR THE COURT:

Cornelia A. Clark
CORNELIA A. CLARK, JUSTICE