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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: THOMAS PATRICK COOPER, BPR #026251
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BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY
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March 12, 2019

TENNESSEE ATTORNEY DISBARRED

By order of the Tennessee Supreme Court entered March 5, 2019, Thomas Patrick Cooper was disbarred from the practice of law effective immediately. Mr. Cooper must pay the Board and court costs within ninety days of the entry of the order.

On July 20, 2018, the Tennessee Supreme Court ordered the immediate suspension of Mr. Cooper from the practice of law based upon his plea of *nolo contendere* to one count of Grand Theft and one count of Defrauding a Financial Institution in the 17th Judicial Circuit Court in and for Broward County, in the matter of *The State of Florida v. Thomas Patrick Cooper*. On August 9, 2018, the Board filed a Petition for Final Discipline. A Hearing Panel determined the appropriate sanction in this case is disbarment.

Mr. Cooper violated Rules of Professional Conduct 8.4(a), (b), (c) and (d).

Mr. Cooper must comply with the requirements of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Sections 28 and 30, regarding the obligations and responsibilities of disbarred attorneys and the procedures for reinstatement.

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE

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IN RE: THOMAS PATRICK COOPER, BPR #026251

An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee
(Miami Beach, Florida)

No. M2018-01318-SC-BAR-BP

BOPR No. 2018-2888-0-AJ-22.3

ORDER OF ENFORCEMENT

This matter is before the Court upon the July 20, 2018, Order of Enforcement suspending the license of Thomas Patrick Cooper and referring the matter to the Board of Professional Responsibility for the institution of formal proceedings to determine the extent of final discipline to be imposed; upon a Petition for Final Discipline filed against Thomas Patrick Cooper on August 9, 2018; upon a hearing on September 5, 2018; upon Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law entered by the Hearing Panel on October 30, 2018; upon service of the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law upon Mr. Cooper by the Executive Secretary of the Board on October 31, 2018; upon Application for Assessment of Costs filed by the Board on November 1, 2018; upon Findings and Judgment for Assessment of Costs entered by the Hearing Panel on November 19, 2018; upon service of the Findings and Judgment for Assessment of Costs upon Mr. Cooper by the Executive Secretary of the Board on November 19, 2018; upon consideration and approval by the Board on December 14, 2018; 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.

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

(1) Thomas Patrick Cooper is disbarred from the practice of law, pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.1.

(2) As a condition precedent to any reinstatement, Mr. Cooper shall comply with the conditions imposed on him in *The State of Florida v. Thomas Patrick Cooper*.

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

(4) Prior to seeking reinstatement, Mr. Cooper 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. Cooper 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. Cooper shall pay to the Board of Professional Responsibility the expenses and costs of this matter in the amount of \$554.00, 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