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**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**  
**RE: SCOTT ERIC CRAWFORD, BPR #17056**  
**CONTACT: ALAN D. JOHNSON**  
**BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY**  
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May 9, 2018

**SHELBY COUNTY LAWYER DISBARRED**

On May 8, 2018, Scott Eric Crawford, of Collierville, Tennessee (formerly Olive Branch, Mississippi) was disbarred from the practice of law by Order of the Tennessee Supreme Court. As a condition of reinstatement, Mr. Crawford must make restitution to one client. The disbarment begins on May 18, 2018. Mr. Crawford must pay the Board's costs and expenses and the court costs within ninety days of the entry of the Order of Enforcement.

Mr. Crawford represented his client in a fire loss dispute with an insurance company. The Hearing Panel found that Mr. Crawford forged his client's signature on the insurance payment checks, failed to deposit them into his trust account as required, failed to adequately communicate with his client, failed to maintain adequate records and to account for the distribution of funds, and failed to remit his client's portion in a timely manner. In addition, Mr. Crawford was found to have concealed the payment of a portion of his fees by the insurance carrier when he was not entitled to any fees, and misappropriated an amount he claimed he was holding in escrow for the client's payment of contractor expenses.

Mr. Crawford's ethical misconduct violates Rules of Professional Conduct 1.1, Competence; 1.3, Diligence; 1.4, Communication; 1.15(a) and 1.15(c), Safekeeping client funds; 8.4(c), Engaging in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit, or misrepresentation; and 8.4(a), Misconduct.

Mr. Crawford was previously disbarred, retroactive to March 19, 2004, by the Tennessee Supreme Court on February 28, 2008, and remains disbarred.

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

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE  
AT NASHVILLE

**IN RE: SCOTT ERIC CRAWFORD, BPR #17056**

An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee  
(Olive Branch, Mississippi)

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**No. M2018-00829-SC-BAR-BP**

BOPR No. 2016-2626-0-AJ

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**ORDER OF ENFORCEMENT**

This matter is before the Court upon a Petition for Discipline filed against Scott Eric Crawford on August 30, 2016; upon Answer to Petition for Discipline filed by Mr. Crawford on September 9, 2016; upon the final hearing held on September 22, 2017; upon the entry of the Hearing Panel's Judgment on January 12, 2018; upon service of the Judgment of the Hearing Panel on Mr. Crawford by the Executive Secretary of the Board on January 16, 2018; upon consideration and approval by the Board on January 25, 2018; upon expiration of the appeal period with no appeal taken; and upon the entire record in this cause.<sup>1</sup>

From all of which the Court approves the Order of the Hearing Panel and adopts the Hearing Panel's Order as the Court's Order.

On February 28, 2008, Mr. Crawford was disbarred by this Court pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 4.3 (Case No. M2004-00657-SC-BPR-BP). To date, Mr. Crawford has not requested, nor been granted reinstatement.

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

- (1) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 4.1, Scott Eric Crawford is disbarred.
- (2) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 4.7, and as a condition precedent to any reinstatement, Mr. Crawford shall make restitution to Gloria J. Gifford in the amount of \$32,366.67, such payment being separate and apart from anything Mr. Crawford may

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<sup>1</sup>Because this cause was initiated prior to January 1, 2014, it is governed by Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9 (2006) except as otherwise noted.

owe Ms. Gifford as a result of separate civil litigation arising from his representation of her in an automobile case.

(3) Additionally, Mr. Crawford shall comply in all aspects with Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 18 (2006) and § 30.4 (2014) regarding the obligations and responsibilities of disbarred attorneys and the procedure for reinstatement. Prior to seeking reinstatement, Mr. Crawford must meet all CLE requirements and pay any outstanding registration fees including those due from the date of suspension/disbarment until the date of reinstatement.

(4) Prior to seeking reinstatement, Mr. Crawford must complete a practice and professionalism enhancement program, in addition to the completion of all continuing legal education courses.

(5) Further, as a condition to reinstatement, Mr. Crawford must be assigned a practice monitor pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9 § 12.9 (a)(b) (2014) (duties to be determined by a hearing panel upon a petition for reinstatement).

(6) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 18.5 (2006), this Order shall be effective ten (10) days after the date of entry.

(7) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 24.3 (2006), Mr. Crawford shall pay to the Board of Professional Responsibility the expenses and costs of this matter in the amount of \$1,783.28 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.

(8) The Board of Professional Responsibility shall cause notice of this discipline to be published as required by Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 18.10 (2006).

PER CURIAM