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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: JESSE WALKER DALTON, III, BPR # 20700
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BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY
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January 10, 2014

HAMILTON COUNTY LAWYER SUSPENDED

On January 7, 2014, the law license of Jesse Walker Dalton, III, of Jasper, Tennessee, was suspended by the Tennessee Supreme Court for a period of one (1) year pursuant to Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 4.2. Mr. Dalton shall serve an active suspension of three (3) months with the remaining nine (9) months probated subject to certain terms and conditions including engagement of a practice monitor and assessment by Tennessee Lawyer's Assistance Program.

A Petition for Discipline was filed against Jesse Walker Dalton, III, on February 11, 2013, based upon the complaints of a former paralegal and a former associate that Mr. Dalton appeared late for court and client meetings, missed client conferences, failed to timely return phone calls to clients, appeared in the office with slurred speech, glazed eyes and disheveled dress and fell asleep during client meetings. Further, Mr. Dalton received a cash retainer and failed to deposit the retainer into his trust account.

Mr. Dalton admitted violating Tennessee Rules of Professional Conduct 1.3 (diligence), 1.4 (communication), 1.15 (safekeeping property and funds), 1.16 (declining or terminating representation) and 8.4 (a) and (d) (misconduct).

Mr. Dalton is currently suspended by the Supreme Court for noncompliance with Continuing Legal Education (CLE) requirements pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 21. Mr. Dalton's disciplinary suspension shall begin upon his reinstatement from the CLE suspension.

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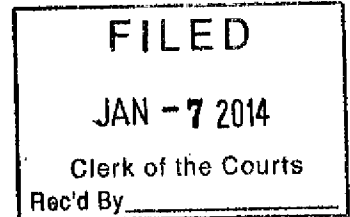
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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE

IN RE: JESSE WALKER DALTON, III, BPR# 20700
An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee
(Hamilton County)

No. M2013-02863-SC-BAR-BP
BOPR No. 2013-2185-3-KB



ORDER OF ENFORCEMENT

This matter is before the Court upon a Petition for Discipline filed against Jesse Walker Dalton, III, on February 11, 2013; upon Mr. Dalton's Response filed on March 11, 2013; upon entry of a Conditional Guilty Plea filed by Mr. Dalton on October 30, 2013; upon an Order Recommending Approval of Conditional Guilty Plea entered on November 1, 2013; upon consideration and approval by the Board on December 6, 2013; 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 Order Recommending Approval of Conditional Guilty Plea as the Court's Order.

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

(1) Jesse Walker Dalton, III, is suspended for one (1) year with three (3) months served as an active suspension and nine (9) months served on probation pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, §§ 4.2 and 8.5. Mr. Dalton's suspension shall begin upon his reactivation from his current suspension for CLE non-compliance and completion of any outstanding CLE requirements. As a further condition of said suspension and probation

- (a) Mr. Dalton shall, within ten (10) days of the entry of any order removing his current suspension for CLE non-compliance, contact Tennessee Lawyers Assistance Program (TLAP) for an evaluation and fully comply with the recommendations of TLAP including any monitoring agreement;

- (b) Mr. Dalton shall engage the services of a Practice Monitor (approved by Chief Disciplinary Counsel for the Board) for the nine (9) months following the ninety (90) day active suspension with at least monthly face-to-face meetings and weekly telephone contact between Mr. Dalton and the Practice Monitor and quarterly reporting of Mr. Dalton's progress by the Practice Monitor to Disciplinary Counsel for the Board; and
- (c) Mr. Dalton shall not, during the period of suspension and probation, incur any new complaints of misconduct that relate to conduct occurring during the period of suspension and probation, and that results in the recommendation by the Board that discipline be imposed. In the event that Mr. Dalton violates or otherwise fails to meet any condition of the suspension or probation, Disciplinary Counsel shall be authorized to file a petition to revoke Mr. Dalton's probation, and upon a finding that revocation is warranted, Mr. Dalton shall serve the previously deferred period of suspension.

(2) In the event Mr. Dalton fails to meet any condition of probation, the probation may be revoked pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 8.5.

(3) Additionally, Mr. Dalton shall comply in all aspects with Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 18 regarding the obligations and responsibilities of suspended attorneys.

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

(5) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 24.3, Mr. Dalton shall pay to the Board of Professional Responsibility the expenses and costs of this matter in the amount of \$620.27 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.

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

FOR THE COURT:

Cornelia A. Clark
CORNELIA A. CLARK, JUSTICE