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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: CHARLES DAVID DEAS, BPR #2049
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BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY
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April 18, 2017

BLOUNT COUNTY LAWYER SUSPENDED

Effective April 17, 2017, the Supreme Court of Tennessee suspended Charles David Deas from the practice of law for a period of six (6) months with sixty (60) days to be served as an active suspension and the remainder served on probation, pursuant to Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 14.1, and ordered to pay the Board's costs. Mr. Deas was further ordered to contact the Tennessee Lawyers Assistance Program (TLAP) for potential monitoring and comply with any recommendations. Upon satisfaction of all conditions and the entry of an order of reinstatement by the Supreme Court, Mr. Deas may resume the practice of law.

On May 9, 2016, a Petition for Discipline was filed against Mr. Deas based upon his self-report of his arrest on June 10, 2014, for driving under the influence and possession of a firearm while intoxicated, and his subsequent misdemeanor conviction on January 8, 2016, for obstructing a roadway and possession of a firearm while intoxicated. A Hearing Panel determined Mr. Deas' conduct violated Rules of Professional Conduct 8.4(b).

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

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Clerk of the
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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE

IN RE: CHARLES DAVID DEAS, BPR #02049

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

No. M2017-00749-SC-BAR-BP
BOPR No. 2016-2578-2-AW

ORDER OF ENFORCEMENT

This matter is before the Court upon a Petition for Discipline filed against Charles David Deas on May 9, 2016; upon Answer to Petition for Discipline filed by Mr. Deas on June 14, 2016; upon entry of the Hearing Panel's Judgment on November 18, 2016; upon service of the Judgment on Mr. Deas by the Executive Secretary of the Board on November 18, 2016; upon the Board of Professional Responsibility's Application for Assessment of Costs filed November 21, 2016; upon the Hearing Panel's Judgment on Board of Professional Responsibility's Application for Assessment of Costs entered January 10, 2017; upon service of the Hearing Panel's Judgment on Assessment of Costs on Mr. Deas by the Executive Secretary of the Board on January 10, 2017; upon consideration and approval by the Board on March 10, 2017; upon expiration of the appeal period with no appeal taken; and upon the entire record in this cause.

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

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

(1) Charles David Deas is suspended from the practice of law for a period of six (6) months with sixty (60) days to be served as an active suspension and the remainder served on probation, pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 14.1.

(2) Mr. Deas shall contact the Tennessee Lawyers Assistance Program (TLAP) for evaluation. If TLAP determines that a monitoring agreement is appropriate, Mr. Deas shall comply with the terms and conditions of the TLAP monitoring agreement.

(3) Prior to seeking reinstatement, Mr. Deas 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 suspension until the date of reinstatement; and have remitted all court costs and Board costs in this matter.

(4) Additionally, Mr. Deas shall comply in all aspects with Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, §§ 28 and 30.4 regarding the obligations and responsibilities of suspended attorneys and the procedure for reinstatement.

(5) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 31.3(d), Mr. Deas shall pay to the Board of Professional Responsibility the expenses and costs of this matter in the amount of \$921.59 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) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 28.1 (2014), this Order shall be effective upon entry.

(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