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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: MATTHEW DAVID DUNN, BPR #030759
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January 29, 2021

WILLIAMSON COUNTY LAWYER DISBARRED

Effective January 29, 2021, the Supreme Court of Tennessee permanently disbarred Matthew David Dunn from the practice of law and ordered him to pay restitution in the amount of \$5,995.00 and costs of the disciplinary proceeding. A Petition for Discipline involving one complaint was filed against Mr. Dunn and tried before a Hearing Panel.

The Panel found Mr. Dunn accepted a referral from an intermediary organization not properly registered with the Board, received a fee for services from a client but did not perform any legal services, failed to respond to the client's requests for information about the representation or communicate in any manner, and abandoned the client.

The Panel found Mr. Dunn's conduct violated Tennessee Rules of Professional Conduct 1.3 (diligence), 1.4 (communication), 1.5 (fees), 7.6 (intermediary organizations), and 8.1 (bar admissions and disciplinary matters).

Mr. Dunn must comply with the requirements of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 28, regarding the obligations and responsibilities of permanently disbarred attorneys.

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE

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Clerk of the
Appellate Courts

IN RE: MATTHEW DAVID DUNN, BPR #030759
AN ATTORNEY LICENSED TO PRACTICE LAW IN TENNESSEE
(Williamson County)

NO. M2021-00094-SC-BAR-BP

BOPR NO. 2020-3066-6-TL

ORDER OF ENFORCEMENT

This matter is before the Court upon a Petition for Discipline filed against Attorney Matthew David Dunn on January 14, 2020; upon a Motion for Default Judgment and That Charges in Petition for Discipline Be Deemed Admitted filed May 14, 2020; upon an Order for Default Judgment entered June 1, 2020; upon final hearing held August 4, 2020; upon Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law entered August 12, 2020; upon service of the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law of the Hearing Panel on Mr. Dunn by the Executive Secretary of the Board on August 12, 2020; upon the Board's Application for Assessment of Costs filed August 20, 2020; upon Findings and Judgment of Assessment of Costs entered September 15, 2020; upon service of the Findings and Judgment of Assessment of Costs upon Mr. Dunn on September 15, 2020; upon consideration and approval by the Board on September 11, 2020; upon expiration of the appeal period with no appeal taken; and upon the entire record in this cause.

On October 8, 2019, Mr. Dunn was suspended by this Court, pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.2 (Case No. M2019-00289-SC-BPR-BP). On June 10, 2020, Mr. Dunn was disbarred by this Court, pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, §12.1 (Case No. M2020-00781-SC-BAR-BP). Mr. Dunn has not requested nor been granted reinstatement from the suspension or the disbarment.

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.

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

(1) Matthew David Dunn is permanently disbarred from the practice of law pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.1.

(2) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, §12.7, Mr. Dunn shall be required to make restitution to the following individual. In the event restitution is made by the Tennessee Lawyer's Fund for Client Protection ("TLFCP"), Mr. Dunn will be responsible for reimbursement to the TLFCP in the same amount:

a) Kelly Rogers -\$5,995.00

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

(4) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 31.3, Mr. Dunn shall pay to the Board of Professional Responsibility the expenses and costs of this matter in the amount of \$562.50 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.

(5) Mr. Dunn shall comply in all aspects with Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 28 regarding the obligations and responsibilities of disbarred attorneys.

(6) 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