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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: TERRY D. DYCUS, BPR #14542
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November 29, 2012

FAYETTE COUNTY LAWYER SUSPENDED

On November 27, 2012, Terry D. Dycus, of Somerville, Tennessee, was suspended from the practice of law by Order of the Tennessee Supreme Court for one year, consisting of forty-five (45) days active suspension and the remainder to be served on probation. Mr. Dycus was also ordered to perform ten (10) hours of pro bono services and complete additional continuing legal education credits during the period of his probation. Finally, Mr. Dycus was ordered to contact the Tennessee Lawyers Assistance Program.

A Petition for Discipline was filed on November 18, 2011. Mr. Dycus entered into a Conditional Guilty Plea admitting that he violated the Rules of Professional Conduct by engaging in conversation of a sexual nature with two criminal defendants who were being prosecuted by the District Attorney's office for which he also worked. He was not the Assistant District Attorney assigned to those cases; however, he admitted that both defendants were represented by counsel and that he did not have permission to speak with either defendant. The conversations between Mr. Dycus and the defendants were inappropriate and there was a potential risk for conflict of interest and abuse of power.

Mr. Dycus' actions violated the following Rules of Professional Conduct: 4.2 (Communication with a Person Represented by Counsel) and 8.4(a) and (d) (Misconduct).

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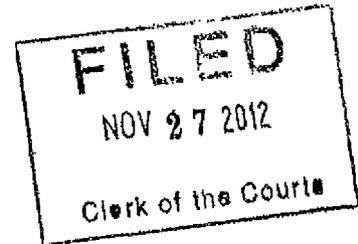
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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE

IN RE TERRY D. DYCUS, BPR # 14542
An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee
(Fayette County)

No. M2012-02476-SC-BPR-BP
BOPR No. 2011-2084-7-KH



ORDER OF ENFORCEMENT

This matter is before the Court upon a Petition for Discipline filed on November 18, 2011; upon Answer to Petition for Discipline filed on December 8, 2011; upon entry of a Conditional Guilty Plea filed by Mr. Dycus on October 17, 2012; upon an Order Recommending Approval of Conditional Guilty Plea entered on October 17, 2012; upon service of the Order Recommending Approval of Conditional Guilty Plea to Mr. Dycus by the Executive Secretary of the Board on October 17, 2012; upon consideration and approval by the Board on October 31, 2012; 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 Recommendation of Conditional Guilty Plea as the Court's Order.

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

1. Terry D. Dycus is hereby suspended from the practice of law for one (1) year, consisting of forty-five (45) days active suspension and the remainder of the period on probation, pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § § 4.2 and 8.5. Probation is subject to the following conditions:

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

(b) Mr. Dycus shall participate in an additional six (6) hours of continuing legal education, in the subject area of ethics and professionalism, during the period of probation. He shall provide documentation to the Board of this requirement upon completion.

(c) Mr. Dycus shall participate in ten (10) hours of pro bono service during the period of probation. He shall provide documentation to the Board of this requirement upon completion.

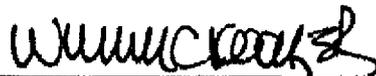
2. Mr. Dycus shall comply in all aspects with Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 18 regarding the obligations and responsibilities of suspended attorneys.

3. Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 18.5, this discipline shall become effective ten (10) days after the filing of this Order.

4. Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 24.3, the Mr. Dycus shall pay to the Board of Professional Responsibility the expenses and costs of this matter in the amount of \$1,305.10 and in addition, 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. 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:



WILLIAM C. KOCH, JR., JUSTICE