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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: GERALD T. EIDSON, #017342
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ROGERSVILLE LAWYER SUSPENDED

On March 4, 2011, Gerald T. Eidson of Rogersville, Tennessee, was suspended by the Tennessee Supreme Court, pursuant to a Conditional Guilty Plea, for a period of one (1) year with three (3) months on active suspension, followed by nine (9) months of probation. Conditions of Mr. Eidson's probation include Mr. Eidson taking an additional four (4) hours of continuing legal education in law practice management and having a practice monitor during his probation.

Mr. Eidson violated disciplinary rules by neglecting clients' cases and failing to communicate with clients. Mr. Eidson's actions violated Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 8, Rules of Professional Conduct 1.1 (competence); 1.3 (diligence); 1.4 (communication); 1.5 (fees); 3.2 (expediting litigation); 8.1 (failing to respond to the Board); and 8.4 (misconduct).

Mr. Eidson was ordered to pay the expenses and costs of the disciplinary proceedings against him, pursuant to Rule 9, Section 4.7, of the Rules of the Supreme Court, and fully comply in all respects with the requirements and obligations of suspended attorneys as set forth in Rule 9, Section 18.1 of the Rules of the Supreme Court.

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IN RE: GERALD T. EIDSON, BPR #017342

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

APPELLATE COURT CLERK
NASHVILLE

BOPR DOCKET NO. 2010-1874-1-KH

NO. M2011-00493-SC-RPO-SP

ORDER OF ENFORCEMENT

This matter is before the Court upon a Petition for Discipline filed on January 6, 2010; upon an Answer to the Petition for Discipline filed February 23, 2010; upon a Conditional Guilty Plea filed September 13, 2010; upon the Order Approving the Respondent's Conditional Guilty Plea filed September 13, 2010; upon the Board's consideration of this matter on December 10, 2010; and upon the entire record in this cause.

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

It is, therefore, **ORDERED, ADJUDGED** and **DECREED** by the Court that:

1. The Respondent, Gerald T. Eidson, is suspended from the practice of law for one (1) year, pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 4.2. However, pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 8.5, the imposition of this suspension itself suspended after 90 days of active suspension, and the Respondent is placed on nine (9) months of probated suspension, subject to the following conditions.

2. As conditions of his probation, Respondent, within the suspension period, shall take an additional four (4) CLE hours in the area of law practice management; his attendance requirement should be over and above the minimum annual requirement imposed by the Tennessee Commission on Continuing Legal Education and Specialization.

3. Also within the suspension period, Respondent shall be supervised by a practice monitor, approved by the Board of Professional Responsibility.

4. Pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 24.3, the Respondent shall pay to the Board of Professional Responsibility the expenses and costs of this matter in the amount of \$1,309.66, and in addition, shall pay to the Clerk of this Court the costs incurred herein, within (90) days of the entry of this Order, for all of which execution may issue if necessary.

5. The Respondent shall comply in all aspects with Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 18, regarding the obligations and responsibilities of suspended attorneys.

6. The Board of Professional Responsibility shall cause notice of this suspension to be published as required by Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 18.10.

7. Pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 18.5, this Order shall be effective ten (10) days after the date of entry.

FOR THE COURT:

Cornelia A. Clark

CORNELIA A. CLARK
CHIEF JUSTICE

I, Michael W. Catalano, Clerk, hereby certify that
this is a true and exact copy of the original

filed in the office.

This 27 day of Mar., 2011

By: [Signature] CLERK OF COURT D.C.