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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: CARLA ANN KENT FORD BPR #14312
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May 20, 2016

RUTHERFORD COUNTY LAWYER SUSPENDED

On May 20, 2016, the Tennessee Supreme Court suspended Carla Ann Kent Ford from the practice of law pending further Orders of the Court, pursuant to Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 22.3. Ms. Ford was summarily suspended based upon her felony conviction for violating Tenn. Code Ann. § 39-14-103; i.e., theft of property valued in excess of \$1,000.00 but less than \$10,000.00.

The Supreme Court referred the matter to the Board of Professional Responsibility for the institution of formal proceedings to determine the extent of final discipline to be imposed as a result of Ms. Ford's guilty plea.

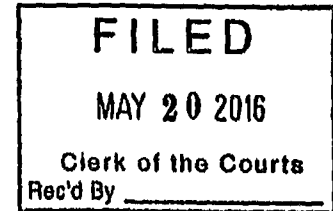
Ms. Ford must comply with Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 28 regarding the obligations and responsibilities of suspended attorneys.

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE

IN RE: CARLA ANN KENT FORD, BPR #14312
An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee
(Rutherford County)

No. M2016-01035-SC-BAR-BP
BOPR No. 2016-2583-4-AW(22.3)



ORDER

This matter is before the Court pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 22.3, upon a Notice of Submission filed by Disciplinary Counsel for the Board of Professional Responsibility ("Board") consisting of a certified copy of the Jury Verdict Form in the Circuit Court for Rutherford County, Tennessee, in the matter of *State of Tennessee v. Carla Kent Ford*, Docket No. 73156 (attached as Exhibit A) demonstrating Carla Kent Ford, a Tennessee attorney, has been found guilty of a serious crime, i.e., the theft of property valued in excess of \$1,000.00 but less than \$10,000.00, in violation of Tenn. Code. Ann. § 39-14-103, a Class D felony.

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

1. Carla Ann Kent Ford is suspended from the practice of law on this date pending further orders of this Court, pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 22.3;
2. This matter is referred to the Board of Professional Responsibility for the institution of a formal proceeding in which the sole issue to be determined shall be the extent of the final discipline;
3. Carla Ann Kent Ford shall fully comply with the provisions of Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 28, concerning disbarred or suspended attorneys; and
4. The Board of Professional Responsibility shall cause notice of this suspension to be published as required by Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 28.11.

PER CURIAM

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR
RUTHERFORD COUNTY, TENNESSEE

STATE OF TENNESSEE)

vs.)

No. 73156)

CARLA KENT FORD)

JURY VERDICT FORM

COUNT I

We, the Jury, unanimously find Carla Kent Ford for the offense of:

Theft of Property

 ✓ Guilty and the value of the property is:

 ✓ 1. One thousand dollars (\$1,000) or more, but less than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000);

 2. More than five hundred dollars (\$500), but less than one thousand dollars (\$1,000);

 3. Five hundred dollars (\$500) or less

 Not Guilty

Frankie Watkins

Foreperson

I, _____, Rutherford County
Circuit Court Clerk of
the said County and State, hereby certify
that the foregoing is a correct copy of
the instruction filed in the foregoing case
in the Circuit Court of Murfreesboro, Tennessee.
This 12 day of May 2010

Melissa Harrell
MELISSA HARBELL

Exhibit A

Attempt to Commit Theft of Property

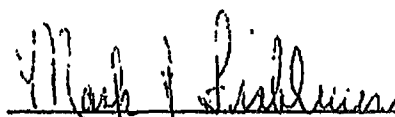
_____ Guilty and the value of the property is:

- _____ 1. One thousand dollars (\$1,000) or more, but less than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000);
- _____ 2. More than five hundred dollars (\$500), but less than one thousand dollars (\$1,000);
- _____ 3. Five hundred dollars (\$500) or less

_____ Not Guilty

Foreperson

Dated this 5th day of May, 2016.



Mark J. Fishburn, Judge
Criminal Court, Div. VI