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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: CARLA ANN KENT FORD, BPR #14312
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BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY
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December 22, 2016

RUTHERFORD COUNTY LAWYER SUSPENDED

Effective December 22, 2016, the Tennessee Supreme Court suspended Carla Ann Kent Ford from the practice of law for four (4) years pursuant to Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 12.2 (2014), based upon her felony conviction for theft of property valued in excess of \$1,000.00 but less than \$10,000.00 in violation of Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-14-103. Ms. Ford must pay the costs of the disciplinary matter to the Board and to the Court.

Ms. Ford's conduct violated Tennessee Rules of Professional Conduct 8.4(b) and (c) (misconduct).

Ms. Ford must comply with Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Sections 28 and 30 (2014) 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 OF ENFORCEMENT

This matter is before the Court upon the May 20, 2016 Order summarily suspending the license of Carla Ann Kent Ford and referring the matter to the Board of Professional Responsibility for the institution of formal proceedings to determine the extent of final discipline to be imposed; upon a Petition for Final Discipline filed on May 23, 2016; upon a Response to the Petition for Final Discipline filed by Ms. Ford on June 6, 2016; upon a hearing on July 12, 2016; upon the Hearing Panel's Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Judgment entered August 18, 2016; upon service of the Judgment upon Ms. Ford by the Executive Secretary of the Board on August 18, 2016; upon the Board's Application for Assessment of Costs filed August 19, 2016; upon the Findings and Judgment for Assessment of Costs entered on October 5, 2016; upon service of the Judgment assessing costs upon Ms. Ford by the Executive Secretary of the Board on October 5, 2016; upon consideration and approval by the Board; 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 Order of the Hearing Panel and adopts the Hearing Panel's Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Judgment as the Court's Order.

On May 20, 2016, Ms. Ford was summarily suspended by this Court (Case No. M2016-01035-SC-BAR-BP) pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 22.3.

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

- (1) Carla Ann Kent Ford is suspended from the practice of law for a period of

four (4) years, pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.2 (2014).

(2) Prior to seeking reinstatement Ms. Ford 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.

(3) Additionally, Ms. Ford 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.

(4) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 31.3(d), Ms. Ford shall pay to the Board of Professional Responsibility the expenses and costs of this matter in the amount of \$393.33 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) The Board of Professional Responsibility shall cause notice of this discipline to be published as required by Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 28.11 (2014).

(6) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 28.1 (2014), this Order shall be effective upon entry.

PER CURIAM