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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: MAURICE RUDOLPH FRANKS, BPR #008180
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November 8, 2019

TENNESSEE LAWYER DISBARRED

Effective November 8, 2019, Maurice Rudolph Franks, now a resident of Baton Rouge, Louisiana was disbarred by Order of Reciprocal Discipline entered by the Supreme Court of Tennessee on November 8, 2019. Mr. Franks was disbarred from the practice of law by Order of the Supreme Court of Colorado entered May 14, 1990. On September 17, 2019, this Court entered a Notice of Reciprocal Discipline directing Mr. Franks to demonstrate to this Court, within thirty (30) days of receipt of the Notice, why the discipline imposed by the Supreme Court of Colorado should not be imposed by this Court. On October 9, 2019, Mr. Franks filed a response to the Court's September 17, 2019 Order. On October 22, 2019, the Board filed a reply to Mr. Franks' response as was requested by the Court.

Mr. Franks must comply with the requirements of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Sections 28 and 30.4, regarding the obligations and responsibilities of disbarred attorneys. Mr. Franks must pay the Board's costs and expenses and the court costs within ninety (90) days of the entry of the order.

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE

IN RE: MAURICE RUDOLPH FRANKS, BPR #008180

An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee
(Baton Rouge, Louisiana)

No. M2019-01663-SC-BAR-BP

BOPR No. 2019-3037-0-TL-25

ORDER OF RECIPROCAL DISCIPLINE

This matter is before the Court pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 25, upon a Notice of Submission filed by the Board of Professional Responsibility (“Board”) containing a certified copy of *In re Maurice Rudolph Franks No. 89SA501* order entered May 14, 1990 by the Supreme Court of Colorado disbaring Maurice Rudolph Franks on consent and striking him from the roll of attorneys licensed to practice law in Colorado.

On September 17, 2019, this Court entered a Notice of Reciprocal Discipline requiring Mr. Franks to inform this Court within thirty (30) days of receipt of the Notice why reciprocal discipline should not be imposed in Tennessee pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 25.4, or in the absence of a response demonstrating the grounds set forth in Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 25.4, the Supreme Court of Tennessee will impose a discipline with identical terms and conditions based upon the order of the Supreme Court of Colorado. On October 9, 2019, Mr. Franks filed a response to the Court’s September 17, 2019 Order. On October 22, 2019, the Board filed a reply to Mr. Franks’ response, as was requested by this Court.

After careful consideration of the record in this matter, the Court finds, based upon the particular facts of this case, that none of the elements in Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 25.4, exist. Accordingly, it is appropriate to enter an Order of Reciprocal Discipline.

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

- (1) Maurice Rudolph Franks shall be disbarred from the practice of law consistent with the final order entered May 14, 1990 by the State of Colorado Supreme Court. Further, the disbarment shall be retroactive to May 14, 1990.

- (2) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 31.3, Mr. Franks 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.
- (3) Prior to seeking reinstatement, Mr. Franks 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 in this matter.
- (4) Mr. Franks 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.
- (5) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 28.1, this Order shall be effective upon entry.
- (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