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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: CARRIE LEIGH GASAWAY, BPR #18746
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BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY
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May 7, 2018

MONTGOMERY COUNTY LAWYER DISBARRED

Effective May 7, 2018, the Supreme Court of Tennessee disbarred Carrie Leigh Gasaway from the practice of law pursuant to Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 12.1, and ordered her to pay restitution in the amount of \$6,500.00 and costs of the disciplinary proceeding. Ms. Gasaway was previously disbarred by Order entered October 15, 2015, and October 29, 2017, and said Orders remain in effect. Ms. Gasaway failed to comply with the terms and conditions of a prior Public Censure issued by the Board on April 13, 2016, for failing to provide competent and diligent representation and reasonably communicate with two (2) clients, failing to account for funds held in trust, failing to deliver the trust funds to her client and failing to respond to the Board concerning the disciplinary complaint. In the second disciplinary matter, Ms. Gasaway received a retainer fee but failed to provide professional services, adequately communicate with her client during her client's military deployment or promptly refund unearned fees after being terminated. Ms. Gasaway's misconduct violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.4 (Communication); 1.5 (Fees) and 8.4(d) (Misconduct). Ms. Gasaway must comply with the requirements of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Sections 28 and 30.4, regarding the obligations and responsibilities of disbarred attorneys and the procedure for reinstatement.

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE

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IN RE: CARRIE WATSON GASAWAY, BPR #018746

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

No. M2018-00815-SC-BAR-BP
BOPR No. 2017-2756-6-AW

ORDER OF ENFORCEMENT

This matter is before the Court upon a Petition for Discipline filed against Carrie Watson Gasaway on August 8, 2017; upon a Motion for Default Judgment and That Charges in Petition for Discipline be Deemed Admitted filed September 27, 2017; upon an Order for Default Judgment entered November 8, 2017; upon a hearing in this matter on December 11, 2017; upon the Order of the Hearing Panel entered on January 9, 2018; upon service of the Order of the Hearing Panel on Ms. Gasaway by the Executive Secretary of the Board on January 9, 2018; upon the Board's Application for Assessment of Costs filed February 1, 2018; upon the Findings and Judgment for Assessment of Costs entered February 23, 2018; upon service of the Findings and Judgment for Assessment of Costs on Ms. Gasaway by the Executive Secretary of the Board on February 23, 2018; upon expiration of the appeal period with no appeal taken; upon consideration and approval by the Board on March 9, 2018; and upon the entire record in this cause.

From all of which the Court adopts the Order of the Hearing Panel as the Court's Order.

Ms. Gasaway was disbarred by Order of Enforcement (Case No. M2015-01926-SC-BAR-BP) entered October 5, 2015, and Order of Enforcement (Case No. M2017-02005-SC-BAR-BP) entered October 9, 2017. To date, Ms. Gasaway has neither requested nor been granted reinstatement from either order of disbarment.

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

- (1) Carrie Watson Gasaway is disbarred from the practice of law pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.1.

(2) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.7, and as a condition precedent to any reinstatement, Ms. Gasaway shall make restitution to Kistler D. Fletcher in the amount of \$6,500.00, and shall furnish to the Board of Professional Responsibility proof of restitution. In the event restitution is made by the Tennessee Lawyer's Fund for Client Protection (TLFCP), Ms. Gasaway shall reimburse TLFCP in the same amount.

(3) Prior to seeking reinstatement, Ms. Gasaway shall meet all CLE requirements; remit all outstanding registration fees and outstanding professional privilege taxes, including those due from the date of this disbarment until the date of reinstatement; and remit all court costs and Board costs in this matter.

(4) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 31.3(d), Ms. Gasaway shall pay to the Board of Professional Responsibility the expenses and costs of this matter in the amount of \$830.45 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) 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