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**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**  
**RE: WILLIAM C. GOSNELL, BPR #4369**  
**CONTACT: A. RUSSELL WILLIS**  
**BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY**  
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October 6, 2017

**SHELBY COUNTY LAWYER SUSPENDED**

Effective October 6, 2017, the Supreme Court of Tennessee entered an order suspending William C. Gosnell from the practice of law for four (4) years, pursuant to Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 12.2, and requiring Mr. Gosnell pay the cost of the disciplinary proceeding.

On February 1, 2017, a Petition for Discipline, consisting of three (3) complaints, was filed against Mr. Gosnell alleging he engaged in the unauthorized practice of law; failed to inform his clients, opposing counsel and the court of his two (2) year suspension; and misled his clients, opposing counsel and the court regarding his reason for withdrawing as attorney of record. On August 21, 2017, Mr. Gosnell submitted a Conditional Guilty Plea acknowledging his unethical conduct violated Rules of Professional Conduct 3.3 (candor toward tribunal) and 5.5 (unauthorized practice of law).

Mr. Gosnell is currently serving a separate two (2) year suspension pursuant to an Order of Enforcement (M2016-01323-SC-BAR-BP) entered by the Tennessee Supreme Court on July 1, 2016.

Mr. Gosnell must comply with the requirements of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Sections 28 and 30.4, regarding the obligations and responsibilities of suspended attorneys and the procedure for reinstatement.

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE  
AT NASHVILLE

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Appellate Courts

**IN RE: WILLIAM C. GOSNELL, BPR #04369**

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

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**No. M2017-01263-SC-BAR-BP**

BOPR No. 2017-2677-9-AW

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**ORDER OF ENFORCEMENT**

This matter is before the Court upon a Petition for Discipline filed against William C. Gosnell on February 1, 2017; upon entry of a Conditional Guilty Plea filed by Mr. Gosnell on April 19, 2017; upon an Order Recommending Approval of Conditional Guilty Plea on April 26, 2017; upon service of the Order Recommending Approval of Conditional Guilty Plea on Mr. Gosnell by the Executive Secretary of the Board on April 26, 2017; upon the Board's approval of the Conditional Guilty Plea on June 9, 2017; upon the Court Order rejecting the Conditional Guilty Plea on June 28, 2017; upon entry of a second Conditional Guilty Plea filed by Mr. Gosnell on August 21, 2017; upon an Order Recommending Approval of Conditional Guilty Plea entered August 22, 2017; upon service of the Order Recommending Approval of Conditional Guilty Plea on Mr. Gosnell by the Executive Secretary of the Board on August 22, 2017; upon consideration and approval by the Board on September 8, 2017; and upon the entire record in this cause.

From all of which the Court accepts recommendation of the Hearing Panel and adopts the Order Recommending Approval of Conditional Guilty Plea as the Court's Order.

On July 1, 2016, Mr. Gosnell was suspended by this Court, pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 4.2 and 4.7 (2006), for a period of two (2) years and said suspension remains in effect.

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

(1) William C. Gosnell is suspended from the practice of law for four (4) years, pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.2.

(2) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 31.3(d), Mr. Gosnell shall pay to the Board of Professional Responsibility the expenses and costs of this matter in the amount of \$473.33 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.

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

(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