IN DISCIPLINARY DISTRICT II OF THE

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BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL

OF THE

SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE

IN RE:

KYMBERLY LYNN ANNE HAAS

DOCKET NO. 2011-2045-5-RS

BPR No. 6670

Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee

(Davidson County)

JUDGMENT

This cause was heard on November 2, 2011 before the Hearing Panel of the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Tennessee Supreme Court upon the Petition for Discipline filed on May 4, 2011 by the Board of Professional Responsibility (the "Board") and the Motion for Default filed by the Board on May 31, 2011 and this Panel's Order entered September 14, 2011, granting the Board's Motion for Default. Disciplinary Counsel Sandy Garrett appeared at the November 2, 2011 hearing for the Board. The Respondent failed to appear. Upon the exhibit introduced into evidence at the hearing, statements of counsel and the entire record herein, the Hearing Panel, consisting of Peter C. Sales, Esq., Chair; Matthew T. Harris, Esq., and N. Courtney Hollins, Esq., makes the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and renders the following Judgment in this matter.

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. The Tennessee Supreme Court temporarily suspended Kymberly Haas from the practice of law on November 17, 2010 for her failure to respond to complaint 33388-5-JV reported to the Board by Tammy Rettig, Esq.
 - 2. Respondent represented Defendants Kenneth W. Barker and Erin T. Cross in

General Sessions Court in Williamson County.

- 3. A preliminary hearing was conducted and a bond of \$2,500 was set for each Defendant.
- 4. Respondent signed the blank designated "Name of Bonding Company" on each Defendant's bond.
- Receipts reflect that the Respondent was the payor of the bond for Barker and for Cross.
 - 6. Respondent and Cross are immediate family members.
- 7. T.C.A. § 40-11-149 prohibits attorneys from signing and making bond in any criminal case, except for family members.
 - 8. T.C.A. § 40-11-128 prohibits an attorney from being a bail bondsman.
- 9. The Respondent was prohibited by statute from posting bond for Defendant Barker.
- 10. The Respondent was personally served on July 1, 2011 with the Board's Petition for Discipline; Notice of Appointment of Hearing Panel and the Board's Motion for Default Judgment.
- 11. The Board served the Respondent by certified mail on October 21, 2010 with the Notice of Petition for Temporary Suspension which the Respondent signed as having received.
- 12. The Respondent has not participated or responded at all to the Board's proceedings.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The acts and omissions by the Respondent constitutes ethical misconduct in violation of Rules of Professional Conduct 8.1(b) and 8.4(d).

JUDGMENT

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED by this Disciplinary Panel:

 The Respondent, Kymberly Haas, shall be suspended from the practice of law in Tennessee for a period of one year, subject to a reinstatement proceeding and payment of costs.

ENTERED ON THIS THE 21ST DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2011.

Peter C. Sales, Nearing Panel Chair

Matthew T. Harris, Hearing Panel Member

N. Courtney Hollins, Hearing Panel Member