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**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**  
**RE: JOHN MARK HANCOCK, BPR #9476**  
**CONTACT: WILLIAM C. MOODY**  
**BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY**  
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December 18, 2015

**KNOX COUNTY LAWYER PUBLICLY CENSURED**

On December 18, 2015, John Mark Hancock, of Nashville, Tennessee, was publicly censured by Order of the Tennessee Supreme Court. Mr. Hancock must pay the Board's costs and expenses and the court costs within ninety days of the entry of the Order of Enforcement.

Mr. Hancock was previously suspended for misconduct by the Tennessee Supreme Court and remains suspended. While still suspended, Mr. Hancock committed the unauthorized practice of law by drafting a contract for an individual to whom he was providing investment advice.

Mr. Hancock's actions violated Rules of Professional Conduct 5.5 (unauthorized practice of law) and 8.4(a) (misconduct).

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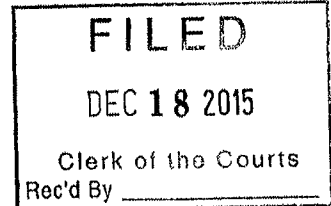
IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE  
AT NASHVILLE

**IN RE: JOHN MARK HANCOCK, BPR #9476**  
An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee  
(Knox County)

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**No. M2015-02394-SC-BAR-BP**  
BOPR No. 2015-2423-2-WM

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**ORDER OF ENFORCEMENT**

This matter is before the Court upon a Petition for Discipline filed against John Mark Hancock on February 20, 2015; upon entry of a Conditional Guilty Plea filed by Mr. Hancock on October 15, 2015; upon an Order Recommending Approval of Conditional Guilty Plea entered on October 29, 2015; upon consideration and approval by the Board on December 11, 2015; and upon the entire record in this cause.<sup>1</sup>

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

On June 15, 1994, Mr. Hancock was suspended by this Court for three (3) years, seven (7) months and ten (10) days, retroactive to May 21, 1992. On March 12, 2003, Mr. Hancock was suspended by this Court for five (5) years, retroactive to May 21, 1992 (Case No. M2003-00630-SC-BPO-BP). To date, Mr. Hancock has not been granted reinstatement from these suspensions.

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

(1) John Mark Hancock is publicly censured pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 4.4 (2006).

(2) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 18.1 (2006), this Order shall be effective ten (10) days after the date of entry.

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<sup>1</sup>Because this matter was initiated prior to January 1, 2014, it is governed Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9 (2006) except as otherwise noted.

(3) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 24.3 (2006), Mr. Hancock shall pay to the Board of Professional Responsibility the expenses and costs of this matter in the amount of \$360.51 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.

(4) The Board of Professional Responsibility shall cause notice of this discipline to be published as required by Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 18.10 (2006).

PER CURIAM