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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: FRED T. HANZELIK, BPR #4773
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CHATTANOOGA LAWYER SUSPENDED

On October 18, 2012, the Tennessee Supreme Court entered an Order suspending Fred T. Hanzelik for one year, with six months actual suspension and the remaining six months served on probation.

The Board of Professional Responsibility filed a Petition for Discipline and Supplemental Petitions for Discipline against Mr. Hanzelik for neglect of clients' cases, failing to act with reasonable diligence and promptness in representing clients, and failing to adequately communicate with clients. Mr. Hanzelik entered into a Conditional Guilty Plea to resolve the Board's disciplinary charges. Mr. Hanzelik's actions violate Rules of Professional Conduct; 1.3 (diligence); 1.4 (communication); 3.2 (expediting litigation); 3.4 (fairness to opposing party and counsel); and 8.4 (misconduct).

Mr. Hanzelik must comply with the requirements of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 18 regarding suspended attorneys.

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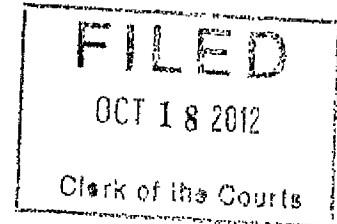
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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE

IN RE **FRED T. HANZELIK, BPR # 004773**
An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee
(Hamilton County)

No. M2012-02179-SC-BPR-BP
BOPR No. 2011-2037-3-SG



ORDER OF ENFORCEMENT

This matter is before the Court upon a Petition for Discipline filed against Fred T. Hanzelik on April 21, 2011, by the Board of Professional Responsibility (the Board) in Docket No. 2011-2037-3-SG; upon Fred T. Hanzelik's Response to Petition for Discipline filed May 25, 2011; upon the Board's Supplemental Petition for Discipline filed January 9, 2012; upon Mr. Hanzelik's Response filed February 3, 2012; upon the Board's Second Supplemental Petition for Discipline filed May 23, 2012; upon Mr. Hanzelik's Answer on June 15, 2012; upon Mr. Hanzelik's Conditional Guilty Plea filed September 21, 2012; upon the Hearing Panel's Order of Recommendation of Conditional Guilty Plea entered on October 1, 2012; upon the Board's approval of the Conditional Guilty Plea on October 8, 2012, and upon the entire record in this cause.

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

By Opinion filed September 27, 2012, this Court previously suspended Mr. Hanzelik from the practice of law for forty-five (45) days and affirmed the Hearing Panel's Judgment and Hamilton County Chancery Court's Order in Docket No. E2011-01886-SC-R3-BP.

It is, therefore, ordered, adjudged, and decreed by the Court that:

1. Fred T. Hanzelik is suspended from the practice of law for one year, with six months actual suspension and the remaining six months served on probation subject to the terms outlined in Fred T. Hanzelik's Conditional Guilty Plea:

- (a) Mr. Hanzelik will meet monthly with his practice monitor;
- (b) Mr. Hanzelik will furnish to the practice monitor a list of all clients and cases currently pending with the following information: (1) the status of each case; (2) the last date of contact for each client; and (3) a plan of action for each case;
- (c) Mr. Hanzelik will be required to immediately contact his practice monitor in the event that any judge, opposing counsel, client, or prospective client initiates any adverse contact or communication with Mr. Hanzelik concerning the status or development of any case;
- (d) The practice monitor will be required to report the status of the monthly meetings with Mr. Hanzelik to the Board of Professional Responsibility.
2. Mr. Hanzelik also agrees to return \$1,000.00 to his former client, Kirk Lewis.
3. Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9 § 18.5, this Order shall be effective ten (10) days after the date of entry.
4. Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9 § 24.3, Mr. Hanzelik shall pay to the Board of Professional Responsibility the expenses and costs of this matter in the amount of \$5,240.58 at the rate of \$500.00 per month 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. The Board of Professional Responsibility shall cause notice of this discipline to be published as required by Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9 § 18.10.

FOR THE COURT:



WILLIAM C. KOCH, JR., JUSTICE