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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: JOHN T. HARDING, BPR #017751
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BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY
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June 10, 2021

SUMNER COUNTY LAWYER SUSPENDED

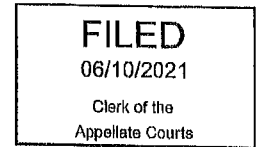
Effective June 10, 2021, the Supreme Court of Tennessee suspended John T. Harding from the practice of law for one (1) year with thirty (30) days being an active suspension pursuant to Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 12.2, and the remainder served on probation, conditioned upon the payment of fees to the Board.

A Petition containing one complaint was filed by the Board alleging Mr. Harding failed to reasonably communicate with his client regarding the status of the case; failed to act in a diligent manner and expedite the client's litigation. Mr. Harding executed a conditional guilty plea acknowledging his conduct violated Tennessee Rules of Professional Conduct (RPC) 1.3 (diligence); 1.4 (communication); 3.2 (expediting litigation); and 8.4(a) (misconduct).

Mr. Harding 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



In Re: JOHN T. HARDING, BPR #017751

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

No. M2021-00610-SC-BAR-BP
BOPR No. 2020-3132-6-JM

ORDER OF ENFORCEMENT

This matter is before the Court upon a Petition for Discipline filed against Mr. Harding on October 21, 2020; upon Mr. Harding filing his Answer to Petition for Discipline on November 24, 2020; upon the Board filing an Amended Petition for Discipline on January 20, 2021; upon Mr. Harding filing his Answer to Amended Petition for Discipline on March 9, 2021; upon Mr. Harding filing a Conditional Guilty Plea on April 19, 2021; upon the Hearing Panel entering its Order Recommending Approval of Conditional Guilty Plea on April 21, 2021; upon the Executive Secretary of the Board forwarding a copy of the Order Recommending Approval of Conditional Guilty Plea to Mr. Harding on April 21, 2021; and upon the Board of Professional Responsibility approving the Hearing Panel's Order Recommending Approval of Conditional Guilty Plea on April 26, 2021.

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.

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

(1) John T. Harding is suspended for one (1) year with thirty (30) days served as an active suspension and the remainder on probation, pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.2, the grant of which is conditioned upon:

- (a) Mr. Harding incurring no new complaints of misconduct that relate to conduct occurring during the period of suspension and probation that results in a recommendation by the Board that discipline be imposed;

Mr. Harding's payment of the Board costs and the Court costs within ninety (90) days of the entry of the Order of Enforcement by the Tennessee Supreme Court.

(2) Prior to seeking reinstatement, Mr. Harding must have met all CLE requirements; have remitted all outstanding registration fees and outstanding professional privilege taxes, including those due from the date of this order until the date of reinstatement.

(3) Additionally, Mr. Harding 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) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 28.1, this Order shall be effective upon entry.

(5) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 31.3(d), Mr. Harding shall pay to the Board of Professional Responsibility the expenses and costs of this matter in the amount of \$244.50 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.

(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