IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE AT NASHVILLE

IN RE: SAMUEL JOSEPH HARRIS, BPR #17392

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

No. M2015-02209-SC-BAR-BP BOPR No. 2014-2363-4-AW FILED

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Clerk of the Courts

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ORDER OF ENFORCEMENT

This matter is before the Court upon a Petition for Discipline filed by the Board of Professional Responsibility (the Board) against Samuel Joseph Harris on September 5, 2014¹; upon a Supplemental Petition for Discipline filed on January 2, 2015; upon a Motion for Default Judgment and that Charges in Petition for Discipline Be Deemed Admitted filed on April 9, 2015; upon an Order for Default Judgment entered on May 21, 2015; upon the Board's Application for Assessment of Costs filed on June 30, 2015; upon the Board's Corrected Application for Assessment of Costs filed on July 10, 2015; upon entry of the Judgment and Memorandum Opinion of the Hearing Panel on August 27, 2015; upon service of the Judgment and Memorandum Opinion of the Hearing Panel by the Executive Secretary for the Board on August 27, 2015; upon consideration and approval by the Board on September 11, 2015; upon expiration of the appeal period with no appeal taken; and upon the entire record in this cause.

From all of which the Court approves the Judgment and Memorandum Opinion of the Hearing Panel and adopts the same as the Court's Order.

On May 2, 2014, Mr. Harris was temporarily suspended by this Court for failure to respond to the Board concerning a complaint of misconduct in Docket No. M2014-00842-SC-BAR-BP. To date, Mr. Harris has not been reinstated from the temporary suspension.

- IT IS, THEREFORE, CONSIDERED, ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED BY THE COURT THAT:
- (1) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, §§ 4.1 (2006) and 12.1 (2014), Samuel Joseph Harris is disbarred.
 - (2) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.7 (2014), and as a condition precedent

¹ The Petition and Supplemental Petition contain complaints initiated before the Board prior and subsequent to January 1, 2014, and are governed respectively by Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9 (2006) and Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9 (2014).

to any reinstatement, Mr. Harris shall make restitution to the following individuals and shall furnish to the Board of Professional Responsibility proof of restitution. In the event restitution is made by the Tennessee Lawyer's Fund for Client Protection (TLFCP), Mr. Harris shall reimburse TLFCP in the same amount:

- a. Mr. and Mrs. John Graham in the amount of \$2,500.00;
- b. Russell Warren in the amount of \$3,000.00; and
- c. Martina Gabriel in the amount of \$600.00.
- (3) Prior to seeking reinstatement, Mr. Harris shall meet all CLE requirements; remit all outstanding registration fees and outstanding professional privilege taxes, including those due from the date of this disbarment until the date of reinstatement; and remit all court costs and Board costs in this matter.
- (4) Mr. Harris shall comply in all aspects with Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, §§ 28 and 30.4 (2014) regarding the obligations and responsibilities of disbarred attorneys and the procedure for reinstatement.
- (5) The Order of Temporary Suspension entered on May 2, 2014, in Case No. M2014-00842-SC-BAR-BP is hereby dissolved.
- (6) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 28.1 (2014), this Order shall be effective upon entry.
- (7) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 31.3(d) (2014), Mr. Harris shall pay to the Board of Professional Responsibility the expenses and costs of this matter in the amount of \$1,200.02 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.
- (8) The Board of Professional Responsibility shall cause notice of this discipline to be published as required by Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 28.11 (2014).

PER CURIAM