IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE AT NASHVILLE

06/16/2017

Appellate Courts

IN RE: RICHARD KENT HARRIS, BPR #629

An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee (Montgomery, Texas)

No. M2017-00852-SC-BAR-BP BOPR No. 2016-2655-0-WM BOPR No. 2017-2710-0-WM-22.3

ORDER OF ENFORCEMENT

This matter is before the Court upon a Petition for Discipline filed against Richard Kent Harris on November 14, 2016 in Docket No. 2016-2655-0-WM; upon the Response to Petition for Discipline filed on December 6, 2016; upon the April 28, 2017, Order of Enforcement suspending the license of Richard Kent Harris and referring the matter to the Board of Professional Responsibility for the institution of formal proceedings to determine the extent of final discipline to be imposed; upon a Petition for Final Discipline filed against Mr. Harris on May 2, 2017 in Docket No. 2017-2710-0-WM-22.3; upon the Order Granting Motion to Consolidate entered on May 11, 2017; upon entry of a Conditional Guilty Plea filed by Mr. Harris on June 5, 2017; upon an Order Recommending Approval of Conditional Guilty Plea entered on June 7, 2017; upon consideration and approval by the Board on June 9, 2017; 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 Recommending Approval of Conditional Guilty Plea as the Court's Order.

On November 23, 2015, Mr. Harris was administratively suspended by this Court pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 10.6(c) (Order No. ADM2015-0008), for failure to pay the annual fee. To date, Mr. Harris has not requested, nor been granted reinstatement.

- IT IS, THEREFORE, CONSIDERED, ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED BY THE COURT THAT:
- (1) Richard Kent Harris is disbarred from the practice of law, pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.1.
- (2) Prior to seeking reinstatement, Mr. Harris 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 disbarment until the date of reinstatement; and have remitted all court costs and Board costs in this matter.

- (3) Additionally, Mr. Harris shall comply in all aspects with Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, §§ 28 and 30.4, regarding the obligations and responsibilities of disbarred attorneys and the procedure for reinstatement.
- (4) Further, the administrative suspension entered on November 28, 2015, in Order No. ADM2015-0008 remains in effect.
- (5) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 28.1, this Order shall be effective upon entry.
- (6) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 31.3(d), Mr. Harris shall pay to the Board of Professional Responsibility the expenses and costs of this matter in the amount of \$858.15 in minimum monthly installments of \$20.00 per month until the balance is paid in full beginning within ninety (90) days of the entry of this Order, 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.
- (7) 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