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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: JERRY D. HOLMES, JR., BPR #016150
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March 29, 2019

TENNESSEE LAWYER CENSURED

On March 28, 2019, Jerry D. Holmes, Jr., a Tennessee licensed attorney residing in North Carolina, was publicly censured by the Supreme Court of Tennessee and ordered to pay the Board's costs and expenses and the court costs within ninety days of the entry of the Order of Enforcement.

The Board of Professional Responsibility filed a Petition for Discipline concerning one (1) complaint of misconduct. Mr. Holmes, while administratively suspended from the practice of law in Tennessee, prepared and sent an email in which he improperly designated himself as an attorney at law in Tennessee. Mr. Holmes executed a Conditional Guilty Plea acknowledging his misconduct violated Tennessee Rules of Professional Conduct 7.1 (communications concerning lawyer's services) and 8.4 (misconduct of the Tennessee Rules of Professional Conduct).

A public censure is a rebuke and warning to the attorney, but it does not affect the attorney's ability to practice law.

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE

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IN RE: JERRY DELL HOLMES, JR., #016150
An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee
(Pender County, North Carolina)

No. M2019-00468-SC-BAR-BP
BOPR No. 2018-2893-0-AW

ORDER OF ENFORCEMENT

This matter is before the Court upon a Petition for Discipline against Jerry Dell Holmes, Jr., filed July 26, 2018; upon Mr. Holmes' Response in Opposition to Petition for Discipline filed August 21, 2018; upon the filing of a Conditional Guilty Plea by Mr. Holmes on February 21, 2019; upon entry of an Order Recommending Approval of Conditional Guilty Plea on February 21, 2019; upon service of the Order Recommending Approval of Conditional Guilty Plea upon Mr. Holmes by the Executive Secretary of the Board on February 21, 2019, and upon consideration and approval of the Conditional Guilty Plea by the Board on March 8, 2019.

From all of which the Court approves the recommendation 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) Mr. Jerry Dell Holmes, Jr. is publicly censured for his misconduct.
- (2) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 28.1, this Order shall be effective upon entry.
- (3) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 31.3(d), and in accordance with the Conditional Guilty Plea, Mr. Holmes shall pay to the Board of Professional Responsibility the expenses and costs of this matter in the amount of \$700.83 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, if necessary, may issue.

(4) 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