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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: M. JOSIAH HOOVER, III, BPR #9494
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BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY
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November 15, 2013

KNOX COUNTY ATTORNEY SUSPENDED

On November 15, 2013, M. Josiah Hoover, III, of Knoxville, Tennessee was suspended by Order of the Tennessee Supreme Court for one (1) year, to run concurrently with his disbarment on November 16, 2012.

On March 26, 2012, the Board of Professional Responsibility filed a Petition for Discipline containing three complaints of ethical misconduct. Mr. Hoover charged a client excessive fees and practiced law while his license was suspended for failing to pay the Professional Privilege Tax.

His actions violate the following Rules of Professional Conduct: 1.5(a), Fees; 5.5, Unauthorized Practice of Law; and 8.4(a), Misconduct.

Mr. Hoover must comply with the requirements of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Sections 18 and 19 should he seek reinstatement of his Tennessee law license and he may not resume the practice of law until reinstated by further order of this Court.

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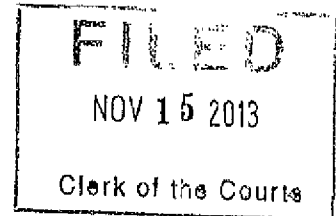
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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE

IN RE M. JOSIAH HOOVER, III, BPR# 9494
An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee
(Knox County)

No. M2013-02487-SC-BAR-BP
BOPR No. 2012-2111-2-KB



ORDER OF ENFORCEMENT

This matter is before the Court upon a Petition for Discipline filed by the Board of Professional Responsibility (Board) against M. Josiah Hoover, III, on March 26, 2012; upon the Answer to Petition for Discipline, filed May 30, 2012; upon the Judgment of the Hearing Panel entered August 27, 2013; upon consideration and approval by the Board on September 13, 2013; 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 of the Hearing Panel and adopts the Judgment of the Hearing Panel as this Court's Order.

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

- (1) M. Josiah Hoover, III is hereby suspended from the practice of law for one (1) year, to run concurrently with his disbarment on November 16, 2012, pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 4.1.
- (2) Mr. Hoover shall comply in all aspects with Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, §§ 18 and 19 regarding the obligations and responsibilities of disbarred attorneys.
- (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. Hoover shall pay to the Board of Professional Responsibility the expenses and costs of this matter in the amount of \$2,345.13 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:

Cornelia A. Clark
CORNELIA A. CLARK, JUSTICE