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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: ANGELA JOY HOPSON, BPR #22500
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BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY
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January 31, 2013

MADISON COUNTY ATTORNEY ON PROBATION

On January 30, 2013, Angela Joy Hopson, of Jackson, Tennessee, was suspended from the practice of law by Order of the Tennessee Supreme Court for one (1) year; however, the entire suspension is probated subject to certain conditions. Ms. Hopson must engage a practice monitor for the period of her probation and she must comply with the Tennessee Lawyers Assistance Program. Finally, Ms. Hopson must pay the Board's costs and expenses within ninety (90) days.

The Board filed a Petition for Discipline based upon two (2) complaints of misconduct. In the first complaint, Ms. Hopson failed to properly communicate with her client, a defendant in a post-conviction trial and appeal. The second complaint was based upon an Order by the Court of Criminal Appeals finding Ms. Hopson in contempt for her failure to file a timely brief and to follow the prior orders of the court regarding the filing of a status report.

Ms. Hopson violated Rules of Professional Conduct: 1.1, Competence; 1.3, Diligence, 1.4; Communication; 3.2, Expediting Litigation; 8.1(b), Bar Admission and Disciplinary Matters; and 8.4(a), (b), and (d), Misconduct.

Ms. Hopson must comply with the requirements of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 18 regarding the obligations and responsibilities of suspended attorneys.

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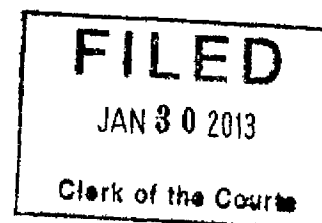
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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE

IN RE ANGELA JOY HOPSON, BPR #22500
An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee
(Madison County)

No. M2013-00289-SC-BPR-BP

BOPR No. 2012-2125-7-KH



ORDER OF ENFORCEMENT

This matter is before the Court upon a Petition for Discipline filed on June 1, 2012; upon a Response to Petition for Discipline filed on June 26, 2012; upon a Conditional Guilty Plea filed by Angela Hopson on November 27, 2012; upon entry of the Hearing Panel's Order Recommending Approval of Conditional Guilty Plea on December 3, 2012; upon consideration and approval by the Board on December 14, 2012; and upon the entire record in this cause.

From all of which the Court approves the recommendation of the Hearing Panel and accepts the Conditional Guilty Plea.

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

(1) The Respondent, Angela Joy Hopson, is suspended for a period of one (1) year pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 4.2. However, pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 8.5, the entire suspension shall be probated subject to the following conditions:

(a) Ms. Hopson shall engage a practice monitor at her own expense who shall meet with her on a monthly basis to review basic office procedures such as the scheduling and maintenance of case deadlines and the use of written communication and fee agreements. The practice monitor shall send monthly reports of these meetings to the Board. Ms. Hopson shall select three potential practice monitors and submit the names to the Board for final approval of a practice monitor; and,

(b) Ms. Hopson shall contact the Tennessee Lawyers Assistance Program ("TLAP") for evaluation. If TLAP determines that a monitoring agreement is appropriate, she shall comply with the terms and conditions of the TLAP monitoring agreement.

(2) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 24.3, Ms. Hopson shall pay to the Board of Professional Responsibility the expenses and costs of this matter in the amount of \$1,000.70 and in addition, 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.

(3) Ms. Hopson shall comply in all aspects with Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 18 regarding the obligations and responsibilities of suspended attorneys.

(4) 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