## 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. M2014-0639-SC-BAR-BP** BOPR No. 2013-2246-7-AW

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## **ORDER OF ENFORCEMENT**

This matter is before the Court upon a Petition for Discipline filed against Angela Joy Hopson on August 22, 2013; upon Response to Petition for Discipline filed by Ms. Hopson on September 16, 2013; upon entry of a Conditional Guilty Plea filed by Ms. Hopson on February 27, 2014; upon an Order Recommending Approval of Conditional Guilty Plea entered on March 5, 2014; upon consideration and approval by the Board on March 14, 2014; and upon the entire record in this cause.<sup>1</sup>

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.

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

(1) Angela Joy Hopson is suspended for one (1) year with the imposition of the sanction suspended, and Ms. Hopson shall be placed on probation for one (1) year pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, §§ 4.2 and 8.5. Conditions of said probation are as follows:

(a) Ms. Hopson shall engage the services of a Practice Monitor approved by Chief Disciplinary Counsel for the Board. Ms. Hopson and the Practice Monitor shall meet face-to-face at least monthly and speak by telephone at least weekly. The Practice Monitor shall report Ms. Hopson's progress to Disciplinary Counsel for the Board at least quarterly;

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Because this cause was initiated prior to January 1, 2014, it is governed by the pre-2014 version of Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9.

(b) Ms. Hopson shall pay restitution of \$2,760.00 to Bennie and Helen Bond within six (6) months of the entry of the Order of Enforcement.

(c) Ms. Hopson shall not, during the period of suspension and probation, incur any new complaints of misconduct that relate to conduct occurring during the period of suspension and probation and result in a recommendation by the Board that discipline be imposed. In the event that Ms. Hopson violates or otherwise fails to meet any condition of the suspension or probation, Disciplinary Counsel shall be authorized to file a petition to revoke Ms. Hopson's probation, and upon a finding that revocation is warranted, Ms. Hopson shall serve the previously deferred period of suspension.

(2) In the event restitution is made by the Tennessee Lawyer's Fund for Client Protection (TLFCP), Ms. Hopson shall reimburse TLFCP in the same amount.

(3) In the event Ms. Hopson fails to meet any condition of probation, the probation may be revoked pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9,  $\S$  8.5.

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

(5) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 18.5, this Order shall be effective ten (10) days after the date of entry.

(6) 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 \$2,106.74 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, § 18.10.

FOR THE COURT:

Cornelia a. Clark, JUSTICE