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**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**  
**RE: DARRYL WAYNE HUMPHREY, BPR #16471**  
**CONTACT: A. RUSSELL WILLIS**  
**BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY**  
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September 25, 2017

**SHELBY COUNTY LAWYER SUSPENDED**

Effective September 25, 2017, the Supreme Court of Tennessee entered an order suspending Darryl Wayne Humphrey from the practice of law for a period of six (6) months, pursuant to Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 12.2, and requiring Mr. Humphrey to pay the cost of the disciplinary proceeding.

A Petition for Discipline was filed April 10, 2017, and a Supplemental Petition for Discipline was filed August 14, 2017, alleging Mr. Humphrey engaged in the unauthorized practice of law and failed to communicate with and diligently represent his clients.

Mr. Humphrey executed a Conditional Guilty Plea admitting he was administratively suspended September 29, 2015, and thereafter, participated in a telephone conference with the trial court and opposing counsel, participated in mediation, executed and filed a marital dissolution agreement and final decree of divorce, continued as counsel of record in five (5) cases despite his suspension, and actively practiced in four (4) of those cases. Prior to his administrative suspension, Mr. Humphrey failed to diligently represent a client and file a motion to amend a previous custody order entered by the court.

Mr. Humphrey's conduct violated Tennessee Rules of Professional Conduct 1.3 (diligence); 1.4 (communication); 5.5 (unauthorized practice of law); and 8.4 (a)(b)(c)(d) (misconduct). Mr. Humphrey's Summary Suspension Order entered September 29, 2015, remains in effect.

Mr. Humphrey must comply with the requirements of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Sections 28 and 30.4, regarding the obligations and responsibilities of suspended attorneys and the procedure for reinstatement.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE  
AT NASHVILLE



**IN RE: DARRYL WAYNE HUMPHREY, BPR #016471**  
An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee  
(Shelby County)

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**No. M2017-01881-SC-BAR-BP**  
BOPR No. 2017-2702-9-AW

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**ORDER OF ENFORCEMENT**

This matter is before the Court upon a Petition for Discipline filed against Darryl Wayne Humphrey on April 10, 2017; upon Mr. Humphrey's Answer to Petition for Discipline filed June 6, 2017; upon a Supplemental Petition for Discipline filed August 14, 2017; upon a Conditional Guilty Plea submitted by Mr. Humphrey on August 24, 2017; upon an Order Recommending Approval of Conditional Guilty Plea entered August 28, 2017; upon service of the Hearing Panel's Order Recommending Approval of Conditional Guilty Plea upon Mr. Humphrey by the Executive Secretary of the Board on August 28, 2017; upon consideration and approval by the Board on September 8, 2017, and upon the entire record in this cause.

From all of which the Court accepts the recommendation of the Hearing Panel and adopts the Order Recommending Approval of Conditional Guilty Plea as the Court's Order.

By Order entered September 29, 2015, Darryl Wayne Humphrey was summarily suspended for failure to pay his Professional Privilege Tax, and said suspension remains in effect until further order of this Court.

IT IS, THEREFORE, CONSIDERED, ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED BY THE COURT THAT:

- (1) Darryl Wayne Humphrey is suspended from the practice of law for a period of six (6) months, pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.2.
- (2) Mr. Humphrey shall comply in all aspects with Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, §§ 28 and 30.4, regarding the obligations and responsibilities of suspended attorneys and the procedure for reinstatement.

(3) Prior to seeking reinstatement, Mr. Humphrey shall meet all CLE requirements; remit all outstanding registration fees and outstanding professional privilege taxes, including those due from the date of this order until the date of reinstatement; and remit all court costs and Board costs in this matter.

(4) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 28.1, this Order shall be effective upon entry.

(5) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 31.3(d), Mr. Humphrey shall pay to the Board of Professional Responsibility the expenses and costs of this matter in the amount of \$320.83 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 may issue if necessary.

(6) 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