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**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**  
**RE: THOMAS FRANCIS JACKSON, BPR #008239**  
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**BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY**  
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February 9, 2022

**SHELBY COUNTY LAWYER SUSPENDED**

Effective February 9, 2022, the Supreme Court of Tennessee suspended Thomas Francis Jackson, III, from the practice of law for one (1) year active suspension pursuant to Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 12.2.

A Petition and Supplemental Petition for Discipline containing three (3) complaints were filed by the Board against Mr. Jackson. After a hearing on the disciplinary complaints, a Hearing Panel found Mr. Jackson knowingly and repeatedly communicated with the opposing parties through their agents about the substance of the litigation without the consent of the attorneys representing the defendants and continued to do so after being instructed to communicate only with opposing counsel. The Hearing Panel further found Mr. Jackson, after being suspended from the practice of law, advertised his professional services on the internet, met with a potential client about representation, sought to collect fees for professional services for which he had not been retained and failed to disclose his suspension.

The Hearing Panel found the above conduct of Mr. Jackson violated Rule of Professional Conduct 4.2(a) (Communicating with a Person Represented by Counsel) and Rule of Professional Conduct 5.5(a) (Unauthorized Practice of Law).

Mr. Jackson 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

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Clerk of the  
Appellate Courts

**IN RE: THOMAS FRANCIS JACKSON, III, BPR #008239**  
An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee  
(Shelby County)

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**No. M2022-00106-SC-BAR-BP**  
BOPR No. 2020-3084-9-JM

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**ORDER OF ENFORCEMENT**

This matter is before the Court upon a Petition for Discipline filed against Thomas Francis Jackson, III on March 16, 2020; upon Answer to Petition for Discipline filed by Mr. Jackson on May 26, 2020; upon a Supplemental Petition for Discipline filed against Mr. Jackson on July 22, 2020; upon a Motion for Default Judgment and that Charges in Supplemental Petition for Discipline Be Deemed Admitted, filed November 10, 2020; upon an Order Granting Default Judgment entered December 18, 2020; upon service of the Order Granting Default Judgment upon Mr. Jackson by the Executive Secretary of the Board on December 18, 2020; upon a telephonic hearing in this matter held on May 12, 2021; upon Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Judgment entered on August 3, 2021; upon service of Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Judgment upon Mr. Jackson by the Executive Secretary of the Board on August 3, 2021; upon the Board of Professional Responsibility's filing its Application for Assessment of Costs on August 17, 2021; upon Findings and Judgment for Assessment of Costs entered on September 30, 2021; upon service of Findings and Judgment for Assessment of Costs by the Executive Secretary of the Board on October 1, 2021; 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 Order of the Hearing Panel and adopts the Hearing Panel's Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Judgment as the Court's Order.

On August 20, 2019, Mr. Jackson was temporarily suspended by this Court pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.3 (Case No. M2019-01477-SC-BAR-BP) for failing to comply with an Order of this Court entered May 3, 2019. On February 11, 2021, this Court entered an Order denying Mr. Jackson's request for dissolution of the temporary suspension. Since February 11, 2021, Mr. Jackson has not sought dissolution of the August 20, 2019, temporary suspension.

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

(1) Mr. Jackson is suspended from the practice of law for one (1) year pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.2.

(2) Prior to seeking reinstatement, Mr. Jackson must have met all CLE requirements; have remitted all outstanding registration fees and outstanding professional privilege taxes, including those due from the date of this suspension until the date of reinstatement; have remitted all court costs and Board costs in this matter; and be in compliance with the terms and conditions of this Order.

(3) Mr. Jackson 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.

(4) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 31.3(d), Mr. Jackson shall pay to the Board of Professional Responsibility the expenses and costs incurred to date by the Board in this matter in the amount of \$975.00. Mr. Jackson shall be assessed \$100.00 for the cost of filing this matter and pay this filing fee to the Board and shall pay to the Clerk of this Court the court costs incurred herein. All costs, fees and expenses awarded or assessed herein shall be paid within ninety (90) days of the entry of this Order for which execution, if necessary, may issue.

(5) The Order of Temporary Suspension entered August 20, 2019, (Case No. M2019-01477-SC-BAR-BP), shall remain in effect until further order of this Court.

(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.

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

PER CURIAM