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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: ELBERT JEFFERSON, JR., BPR #14907
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August 25, 2015

SHELBY COUNTY LAWYER DISBARRED

On August 24, 2015, Elbert Jefferson, Jr. was disbarred by the Tennessee Supreme Court, pursuant to Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 4.1.

October 31, 2014, a Petition for Discipline was filed against Mr. Jefferson. The Hearing Panel found that after securing his client's signature on a settlement check in the amount of \$2,100.00, Mr. Jefferson deposited the funds into his trust account. Over the course of the following month, he converted the proceeds to his own use. Thereafter, Mr. Jefferson misled his client about the reason he could not disburse her portion of the settlement. In the course of the investigation, Mr. Jefferson did not respond to Disciplinary Counsel's request for information about the funds missing from his trust account.

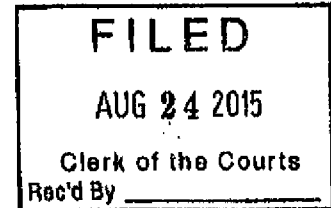
The Hearing Panel determined that Mr. Jefferson violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.3, Diligence; 1.4, Communication; 1.15, Safekeeping Property; 8.1, Bar Admission and Disciplinary Matters; 8.4(a), Misconduct.

Mr. Jefferson must comply with Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 18 (2006) and Section 30.4 (2014) regarding the obligations and responsibilities of disbarred attorneys and the procedure for reinstatement. He must pay the Board's costs and expenses prior to reinstatement to the practice of law.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE

IN RE: ELBERT JEFFERSON, JR., BPR # 14907
An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee
(Shelby County)

No. M2015-01293-SC-BAR-BP
BOPR No. 2014-2386-9-AJ



ORDER OF ENFORCEMENT

This matter is before the Court upon a Petition for Discipline filed against Elbert Jefferson, Jr., on October 31, 2014; upon Motion for Default Judgment and that Allegations Contained in the Petition for Discipline be Deemed Admitted filed on January 9, 2015; upon Order for Default entered on March 4, 2015; upon the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law by two (2) members of the Hearing Panel entered on May 5, 2015; upon service of the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law on Mr. Jefferson by the Executive Secretary of the Board on May 5, 2015; upon the Dissent to the Judgment of the Hearing Panel entered on May 12, 2015; upon service of the Dissent to the Judgment of the Hearing Panel on Mr. Jefferson by the Executive Secretary of the Board on May 12, 2015; upon consideration and approval by the Board on June 12, 2015; upon expiration of the appeal period with no appeal taken; and upon the entire record in this cause.¹

From all of which the Court approves the Order of the Hearing Panel and adopts the Hearing Panel's Judgment as the Court's Order.

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

(1) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 4.1 (2006), Elbert Jefferson, Jr. is disbarred from the practice of law.

¹Because this cause was initiated prior to January 1, 2014, it is governed by Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9 (2006) except as otherwise noted.

(2) Mr. Jefferson shall comply in all aspects with Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 18 (2006) and Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 30.4 (2014) regarding the obligations and responsibilities of disbarred attorneys and the procedure for reinstatement.

(3) Prior to seeking reinstatement, Mr. Jefferson must meet all CLE requirements and pay any outstanding registration fees including those due from the date of disbarment to reinstatement.

(4) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 18.5 (2006), this Order shall be effective ten (10) days after the date of entry.

(5) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 24.3 (2006), Mr. Jefferson shall pay to the Board of Professional Responsibility the expenses and costs of this matter in the amount of \$1,190.00 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, § 18.10 (2006).

PER CURIAM