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RE: DAVID J. JOHNSON, BPR# 4595
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November 18, 2011

SHELBY COUNTY ATTORNEY DISBARRED

On November 15, 2011, the Tennessee Supreme Court disbarred David J. Johnson, of Shelby County, Tennessee, effective November 25, 2011. Mr. Johnson consented to disbarment because he could not successfully defend himself on charges filed against him by the Board alleging that he misappropriated client funds for his own use and benefit. Mr. Johnson's actions violated Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 8, Rule of Professional Conduct 8.4 (misconduct).

Mr. Johnson must comply with the requirements of Section 19 of Rule 9, Rules of the Supreme Court, should he seek reinstatement of his Tennessee law license, and may not resume the practice of law until reinstated by further Order of the Tennessee Supreme Court. Mr. Johnson must further comply with Section 18 of Rule 9, Rules of the Supreme Court, regarding the obligations and responsibilities of disbarred attorneys.

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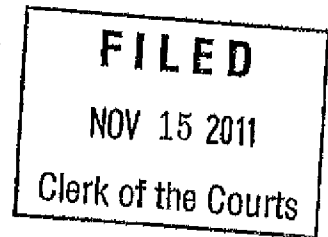
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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE

IN RE: **DAVID J. JOHNSON, BPR #004595**
An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee
(Shelby County)



No. M2011-02432-SC-BPR-BP
BOPR file nos. 34215-9-BG, 34258-9-BG, & 34296-9-BG

ORDER OF ENFORCEMENT

This cause is before the Court upon the Affidavit of David J. Johnson, of Memphis, Shelby County, an attorney licensed to practice law in the State of Tennessee. David J. Johnson is subject to the disciplinary jurisdiction of the Supreme Court of Tennessee, pursuant to Rule 9 of the Rules of the Supreme Court of Tennessee.

It appears to the Court that David J. Johnson has delivered to the Board of Professional Responsibility an Affidavit in compliance with Section 15.1 of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9. David J. Johnson has consented to disbarment because he cannot successfully defend himself against the charges alleged in Board File Nos. 34215-9-BG, 34258-9-BG, 34296-9-BG, which are pending against him. It is conceded that David J. Johnson has violated Rule 8.4 of the Rules of Professional Conduct.

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

1. David J. Johnson is hereby disbarred from the practice of law in Tennessee.
2. This Order of Enforcement shall be a matter of public record.
3. The affidavit filed by David J. Johnson shall not be publicly disclosed or made available for use in any other proceeding except upon further Order of this Court.
4. The Board of Professional Responsibility shall cause notice of this disbarment to be published in accordance with Section 18.10 of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9.
5. Upon entry of this Order, the Order of Temporary Suspension entered August 19, 2011, is hereby dissolved.
6. David J. Johnson shall comply with the requirements and obligations of disbarred attorneys as established in Section 18 of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9.

7. Pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 24.3, the Respondent shall pay to the Board of Professional Responsibility the expenses and costs of this matter in the amount of \$46.50 within ninety (90) days of the date of the entry of this Order, and in addition, shall pay to the Clerk of this Court the costs incurred herein, for all of which execution may issue if necessary.
8. Pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 9, Rules of the Supreme Court, Section 18.5, this Order shall be effective ten (10) days after the date of entry.

FOR THE COURT:



WILLIAM C. KOCH, JR., JUSTICE

I, Michael W. Catalano, Clerk, hereby certify that
this is a true and exact copy of the original

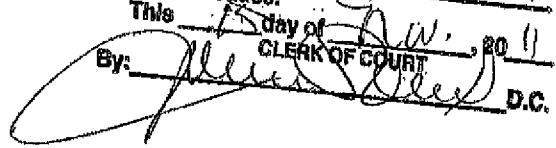
filed in the cause.

This

15 Day of Dec., 2011

CLERK OF COURT

By:



D.C.