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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: SAMUEL JONES, BPR #13849
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SHELBY COUNTY LAWYER CENSURED

On June 30, 2017, Samuel Jones of Shelby County, Tennessee, was Publicly Censured by order of the Tennessee Supreme Court.

A Petition for Discipline was filed on February 16, 2016, alleging that Mr. Jones acted improperly in the representation of two clients in Bankruptcy Court by accepting fees without court approval and failing to deposit them into his trust account and failing to meet certain filing deadlines.

The Hearing Panel found that Mr. Jones violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.1 (competence); 1.3 (diligence); 1.15 (safekeeping property); 3.4(c) (fairness to opposing party and counsel); 8.4 (a) (violating rules of professional conduct); and 8.4 (d) (conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice).

A Public Censure is a rebuke and warning to the attorney, but it does not affect the attorney's ability to practice law.

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE

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IN RE: SAMUEL JONES, BPR #13849
An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee
(Shelby County)

No. M2017-01325-SC-BAR-BP
BOPR No. 2016-2549-9-AJ

ORDER OF ENFORCEMENT

This matter is before the Court upon a Petition for Discipline filed against Samuel Jones on February 16, 2016; upon Response to Petition for Discipline filed on May 16, 2016; upon Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law entered on February 27, 2017; upon service of the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law on Mr. Jones by the Executive Secretary of the Board on February 27, 2017; upon Application for Assessment of Costs filed by the Board on March 1, 2017; upon Order Assessing Costs entered April 26, 2017; upon service of the Order Assessing Costs on Mr. Jones by the Executive Secretary of the Board on April 26, 2017; upon consideration and approval by the Board on June 9, 2017; 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 Order 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, § 12.4, Samuel Jones is publically censured.
- (2) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.7, Mr. Jones must satisfy the judgment entered against him by the Bankruptcy Trustee of the Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Tennessee within ninety (90) days of entry of this Order of Enforcement. In the event restitution is made by the Tennessee Lawyer's Fund for Client Protection (TLFCP), Mr. Jones shall reimburse TLFCP.
- (3) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 28.1, this Order shall be effective immediately.

(4) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 31.3(d), Mr. Jones shall pay to the Board of Professional Responsibility the expenses and costs of this matter in the amount of \$952.60 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.

(5) 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