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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: JERRY KENNON, BPR #18744
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NASHVILLE LAWYER SUSPENDED

On January 18, 2013, Jerry Alan Kennon, of Nashville, Tennessee, was suspended from the practice of law by Order of the Tennessee Supreme Court for eighteen (18) months, consisting of thirty (30) days active suspension and the remainder to be served on probation. Mr. Kennon was also ordered to make restitution to former clients, to engage a practice monitor for the period of probation, and to comply with the Tennessee Lawyers Assistance Program. Finally, Mr. Kennon must pay the Board's costs and expenses within ninety days.

The Board filed a Petition for Discipline and a Supplemental Petition for Discipline containing seven (7) complaints of ethical misconduct. Four (4) of the complaints were related to the unauthorized practice of law. On August 31, 2011, Mr. Kennon was suspended for failure to complete the requisite number of CLE credits. During that suspension, Mr. Kennon continued to represent clients and file pleadings. The remaining complaints are related to Mr. Kennon's failure to properly prepare trust documents, failure to timely file a lawsuit, and failure to return client documents.

Mr. Kennon violated Rules of Professional Conduct: 1.1, Competence; 1.3, Diligence, 1.4; Communication; 1.5(a) and (c), Fees; 1.16(d), Declining and Terminating Representation; 5.5(a), Unauthorized Practice of Law; and 8.4(a), (d), and (g), Misconduct.

Mr. Kennon must comply with the requirements of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Sections 18 and 19, regarding the obligations and responsibilities of suspended attorneys.

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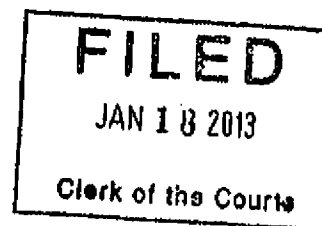
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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE

IN RE JERRY ALAN KENNON, BPR #18744
An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee
(Davidson County)

No. M2013-00235-SC-BPR-BP

BOPR No. 2011-2062-5-KH



ORDER OF ENFORCEMENT

This matter is before the Court upon a Petition for Discipline filed on August 1, 2011; upon a Motion for Default Judgment and That Allegations Contained in Petition for Discipline Be Deemed Admitted filed on September 28, 2011; upon an Order entered granting default judgment and permitting the filing of a Supplemental Petition on February 16, 2012; upon a Supplemental Petition for Discipline filed on February 17, 2012; upon a Motion for Default Judgment and That Allegations Contained in the Supplemental Petition for Discipline Be Deemed Admitted filed on June 12, 2012; upon an Order of Default Judgment on the Supplemental Petition for Discipline filed on June 25, 2012; upon a final hearing held on July 9, 2012; upon the Judgment of the Hearing Panel filed on September 4, 2012; upon the Board's Motion to Alter or Amend filed on October 3, 2012; upon an Order Granting Motion to Amend and Amended Judgment of the Hearing Panel entered on October 23, 2012; upon service of the Amended Judgment upon Mr. Kennon by the Executive Secretary of the Board on October 23, 2012; upon a Rule 60 Motion to Correct Clerical Error filed on December 14, 2012; an Order to Correct Clerical Error entered on December 18, 2012; upon the Board's consideration and approval of the Amended Judgment of the Hearing Panel on January 4, 2013; upon expiration of the appeal period with no appeal taken; and the entire record in this cause.

From all of which the Court approves the Orders of the Hearing Panel and adopts both the Amended Judgment of the Hearing Panel and the Order Correcting Clerical Error as the Court's Order.

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

- (1) The Respondent, Jerry Alan Kennon, is suspended for a period of eighteen (18) months, consisting of thirty (30) days active suspension and the remainder of the

period on probation, pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, §§ 4.2 and 8.5. Probation shall be conditioned on and subject to the following conditions:

(a) Mr. Kennon shall fully cooperate and remain in full compliance with all recommendations, plans, monitoring agreements, if any, directives and/or requests by TLAP related to its involvement with him;

(b) Mr. Kennon shall make restitution in the amount of Four Hundred Fifty-Six and No/100 (\$456) to Lee Ann Cole; and One Thousand Two Hundred Fifty and No/100 (\$1,250) to Judith Ann Ward;

(c) Mr. Kennon shall obtain and provide at his expense the services of a law practice monitor. The monitor shall be recommended by Mr. Kennon to be approved by Disciplinary Counsel, and the monitor shall keep Disciplinary Counsel reasonably informed of his or her services to Mr. Kennon. Mr. Kennon shall submit at his expense to a monthly, or if approved by Disciplinary Counsel, other less frequent period, mentoring/monitoring program through that experienced and seasoned monitor approved by Disciplinary Counsel.

(d) Should Mr. Kennon fail to meet any provision of this Judgment, the entire period of the suspension shall be served and he shall be subject to further probation only upon motion.

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

(3) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 24.3, Mr. Kennon shall pay to the Board of Professional Responsibility the expenses and costs of this matter in the amount of \$2,149.70 and in addition, 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.

(4) Mr. Kennon shall comply in all aspects with Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, §§ 18 and 19 regarding the obligations and responsibilities of suspended attorneys and the procedure for reinstatement.

(5) The Board of Professional Responsibility shall cause notice of this discipline to be published as required by Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 18.10.

FOR THE COURT:

Cornelia A. Clark

CORNELIA A. CLARK, JUSTICE