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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: JERRY ALAN KENNON, BPR #18744
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May 16, 2014

DAVIDSON COUNTY LAWYER SUSPENDED

On May 15, 2014, Jerry Alan Kennon, of Nashville, Tennessee, was suspended from the practice of law by Order of the Tennessee Supreme Court for one (1) year. Mr. Kennon was ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$3,760. Finally, Mr. Kennon must pay the Board's costs and expenses and the court costs within ninety days of the entry of the Order of Enforcement.

A Petition for Discipline was filed on October 25, 2013, containing four (4) complaints. Mr. Kennon utilized his trust account as a personal account. He was retained to prepare estate planning documents for two clients but failed to complete the work he was retained to perform over a period of several years, failed to communicate with them and failed to refund the unearned fee. He was retained by one client to file a personal injury case but filed suit against the wrong defendant and failed to appear in court when the case was set resulting in its dismissal. He also failed to communicate with that client. He represented the personal representative of an estate wherein he filed several incorrectly executed statements in lieu of final accounting, failed to obtain a TennCare release, failed to close the estate over a period of several years and failed to appear at a show cause hearing.

Mr. Kennon's actions violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.1, Competence; 1.3, Diligence; 1.4, Communication; 1.15, Safekeeping Property and Funds; 1.16, Declining or Terminating Representation; 3.2, Expediting Litigation; and 8.4(a) and (d), 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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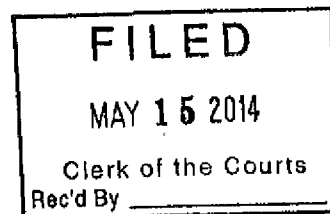
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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE

IN RE: JERRY ALAN KENNON, BPR# 18744

An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee
(Davidson County)

No. M2013-00235-SC-BAR-BP
BOPR No. 2013-2258-5-WM



ORDER OF ENFORCEMENT

This matter is before the Court upon a Petition for Discipline filed against Jerry Alan Kennon on October 24, 2013; upon a Motion for Default and that Allegations Contained in Petition Be Deemed Admitted filed by the Board on December 10, 2013; upon entry of an Order for Default Judgment on January 7, 2014; upon a hearing on February 14, 2014; upon the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Judgment entered on February 26, 2014; upon service of the Judgment upon Mr. Kennon by the Executive Secretary of the Board on February 27, 2014; upon consideration and approval by the Board on March 8, 2014; 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 Judgment of the Hearing Panel and adopts the Hearing Panel's Judgment Recommending a one (1) year suspension and restitution to Joe and Diane Gordon in the amount of \$3,760.

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

(1) Jerry Alan Kennon is suspended for one (1) year pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 4.2 (2006).

(2) Mr. Kennon is ordered to make restitution to Joe and Diane Gordon in the amount of \$3,760. In the event restitution is made by the Tennessee Lawyer's Fund for Client Protection (TLFCP), Mr. Kennon shall reimburse TLFCP in the same amount. Payment of this restitution shall constitute a condition precedent to reinstatement.

¹Because this cause was initiated prior to January 1, 2014, it is governed by the pre-2014 version of Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9 except where otherwise noted.

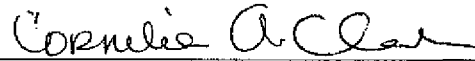
(3) Additionally, Mr. Kennon shall comply in all aspects with Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, §§ 18 (2006) and Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 31.3 (2014) regarding the obligations and responsibilities of suspended attorneys and the procedure for reinstatement.

(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. Kennon shall pay to the Board of Professional Responsibility the expenses and costs of this matter in the amount of \$826.71 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).

FOR THE COURT:



CORNELIA A. CLARK, JUSTICE