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SEVIER COUNTY ATTORNEY SUSPENDED

On June 21, 2012, the Tennessee Supreme Court suspended the law license of Jerry DeWayne Kerley pursuant to Section 14 of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9. The Court suspended Mr. Kerley's law license based upon his conviction by a jury to serious crimes, i.e. Conspiracy to Commit Wire Fraud Affecting a Financial Institution or Bank Fraud; Wire Fraud Affecting a Financial Institution Relating to the Purchase of Real Property; Bank Fraud in Submitting a False HUD-1 Statement Relating to the Purchase of Real Property; False Statements to a Bank Relating to the Purchase of Real Property; and Money Laundering Relating to the Purchase of Real Property.

The Supreme Court further ordered the Board of Professional Responsibility to institute a formal proceeding to determine the extent of final discipline to be imposed as a result of the conviction. Mr. Kerley was ordered to fully comply with the provisions of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 18, which requires, in part, withdrawal from representation and prohibits undertaking any new representation.

This suspension shall remain in effect until it is dissolved or amended by order of the Supreme Court of Tennessee.

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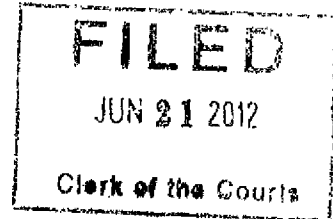
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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE

JERRY DEWAYNE KERLEY, BPR#12685

An Attorney Licensed in Tennessee
(Sevier County)

No. M2012-01304-SC-BPR-BP
BOPR NO. 2012-2129-1-KB(14)



ORDER OF ENFORCEMENT

This matter is before the Court pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 14, upon a certificate filed by Disciplinary Counsel for the Board of Professional Responsibility consisting of certified copies of the jury verdict in a criminal case, *United States of America v. Jerry D. Kerley*, (attached as Exhibit A) filed in the United States District Court Eastern District of Tennessee on May 18, 2012, demonstrating that Jerry DeWayne Kerley, a Tennessee attorney, was found guilty of serious crimes, i.e., Conspiracy to Commit Wire Fraud Affecting a Financial Institution or Bank Fraud; Wire Fraud Affecting a Financial Institution Relating to the Purchase of Real Property; Bank Fraud in Submitting a False HUD-1 Statement Relating to the Purchase of Real Property; False Statements to Citizens Bank Relating to the Purchase of Real Property; and Money Laundering Relating to the Purchase of Real Property.

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

1. Jerry DeWayne Kerley is suspended from the practice of law on this date pending further orders of this Court, pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 14.
2. This matter shall be referred to the Board of Professional Responsibility for the institution of a formal proceeding in which the sole issue to be determined shall be the extent of the final discipline to be imposed as a result of the conviction by jury verdict.
3. Jerry DeWayne Kerley shall fully comply with the provisions of Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 18 concerning disbarred or suspended attorneys.
4. The Board of Professional Responsibility shall cause notice of this suspension to be published as required by Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 18.10.

FOR THE COURT:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William C. Koch, Jr.", written over a horizontal line.

WILLIAM C. KOCH, JR., JUSTICE

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE
AT KNOXVILLE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

JERRY D. KERLEY

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No. 3:10-CR-169
(Phillips)

VERDICT FORM

We, the members of the jury, find unanimously and from all the evidence as follows:

1. As to Count 1 of the Indictment charging a violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1349 (conspiracy to commit wire fraud affecting a financial institution or bank fraud), we find the defendant Jerry D. Kerley

 NOT GUILTY

 X GUILTY

[Proceed to No. 2.]

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy
of the electronically filed original document.

ATTEST: Debra C. Poplin, Clerk

By: Cheryl Sweat
Deputy Clerk

Exhibit A

2. As to Count 2 of the Indictment charging a violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1343 (wire fraud affecting a financial institution, relating to the purchase of real property located at 1230 Bird Nest Way, Sevierville, Tennessee), we find the defendant Jerry D. Kerley

 NOT GUILTY

 X GUILTY

[Proceed to No. 3.]

3. As to Count 3 of the Indictment charging a violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1343 (wire fraud affecting a financial institution, relating to the purchase of real property located at 1437 Eagle Cloud Way, Sevierville, Tennessee), we find the defendant Jerry D. Kerley

 NOT GUILTY

 X GUILTY

[Proceed to No. 4.]

4. As to Count 4 of the Indictment charging a violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1343 (wire fraud affecting a financial institution, relating to the purchase of real property located at 1518 Firefly Trail Way, Sevierville, Tennessee), we find the defendant Jerry D. Kerley

 NOT GUILTY

 X GUILTY

[Proceed to No. 5].

5. As to Count 5 of the Indictment charging a violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1343 (wire fraud affecting a financial institution, relating to the purchase of real property located at 1234 Bird Nest Way, Sevierville, Tennessee), we find the defendant Jerry D. Kerley

NOT GUILTY

GUILTY

[Proceed to No. 6].

6. As to Count 6 of the Indictment charging a violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1343 (wire fraud affecting a financial institution, relating to the purchase of real property located at 1016 Black Bear Way, Sevierville, Tennessee), we find the defendant Jerry D. Kerley

NOT GUILTY

GUILTY

[Proceed to No. 7].

7. As to Count 7 of the Indictment charging a violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1343 (wire fraud affecting a financial institution, relating to the purchase of real property located at 1531 Trappers Ridge Lane, Sevierville, Tennessee), we find the defendant Jerry D. Kerley

NOT GUILTY

GUILTY

[Proceed to No. 8].

8. As to Count 8 of the Indictment charging a violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1343 (wire fraud affecting a financial institution, relating to the purchase of real property located at 954 Black Bear Way, Sevierville, Tennessee), we find the defendant Jerry D. Kerley

NOT GUILTY
 GUILTY

[Proceed to No. 9].

9. As to Count 9 of the Indictment charging a violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1343 (wire fraud affecting a financial institution, relating to the purchase of real property located at 3515 Peggy Lane, Pigeon Forge, Tennessee), we find the defendant Jerry D. Kerley

NOT GUILTY
 GUILTY

[Proceed to No. 10].

10. As to Count 10 of the Indictment charging a violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1344 (bank fraud in relation to Citizens Bank, a false HUD-1 statement relating to the purchase of property at 1230 Bird Nest Way, Seiverville Tennessee), we find the defendant Jerry D. Kerley

NOT GUILTY
 GUILTY

[Proceed to No. 11].

11. As to Count 11 of the Indictment charging a violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1344 (bank fraud in relation to Citizens Bank, a false HUD-1 statement relating to the purchase of property at 1437 Eagle Cloud Way, Seiverville Tennessee), we find the defendant Jerry D. Kerley

NOT GUILTY

GUILTY

[Proceed to No. 12].

12. As to Count 18 of the Indictment charging a violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1014 (false statements to Citizens Bank relating to the purchase of real property located at 1230 Bird Nest Way, Sevierville, Tennessee), we find the defendant Jerry D. Kerley

NOT GUILTY

GUILTY

[Proceed to No. 13].

13. As to Count 19 of the Indictment charging a violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1014 (false statements to Citizens Bank relating to the purchase of real property located at 1437 Eagle Cloud Way, Sevierville, Tennessee), we find the defendant Jerry D. Kerley

NOT GUILTY

GUILTY

[Proceed to No. 14].

14. As to Count 22 of the Indictment charging a violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1957 (money laundering relating to the purchase of real property located at 3515 Peggy Lane, Pigeon Forge, Tennessee), we find the defendant Jerry D. Kerley

 NOT GUILTY
 X GUILTY

[Please have your foreperson sign and date the verdict form and notify the marshal you have reached a verdict.]

SIGNATURE REDACTED

Foreperson

 5-18-12
Date