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OF THE
SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE**

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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: JERRY DEWAYNE KERLEY, BPR #12685
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BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY
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January 25, 2017

SEVIER COUNTY LAWYER DISBARRED

On January 25, 2017, Jerry DeWayne Kerley of Sevierville, Tennessee, was disbarred by Order of the Tennessee Supreme Court retroactive to June 21, 2012.

The Tennessee Supreme Court suspended Mr. Kerley on June 21, 2012, pursuant to Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 14 (2006), based upon his conviction of conspiracy to commit wire fraud, wire fraud, bank fraud, false statements, and money laundering. The Board of Professional Responsibility instituted a formal proceeding to determine the extent of final discipline to be imposed. A hearing panel entered a judgment finding that Mr. Kerley should be disbarred.

Mr. Kerley's actions violated Rules of Professional Conduct 8.4(a), (b) and (c), Misconduct.

Mr. Kerley must comply with the requirements of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Sections 18 (2006) and 30.4 (2014), regarding the obligations and responsibilities of disbarred attorneys. Mr. Kerley must pay the Board's costs and expenses and the court costs within ninety days of the entry of the Order of Enforcement.

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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 upon the June 21, 2012, Order of Enforcement suspending the license of Jerry DeWayne Kerley and referring the matter to the Board of Professional Responsibility for the institution of formal proceedings to determine the extent of final discipline to be imposed; upon a Petition for Final Discipline filed against Jerry DeWayne Kerley on September 10, 2012; upon Answer to Petition for Final Discipline filed by Mr. Kerley on June 17, 2016; upon a hearing on October 31, 2016; upon service of the Judgment of the Hearing Panel on Mr. Kerley by the Executive Secretary of the Board on November 15, 2016; upon consideration and approval by the Board on December 9, 2016; 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 Judgment of the Hearing Panel as the Court's Order.

IT IS, THEREFORE, CONSIDERED, ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED BY THE COURT THAT:

(1) Jerry DeWayne Kerley is disbarred from the practice of law, pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 4.1 (2006), retroactive to June 21, 2012.

(2) Prior to seeking reinstatement, Mr. Kerley must have met all CLE requirements; have remitted all outstanding registration fees and outstanding professional privilege taxes, including those due from the date of this disbarment until the date of reinstatement; and have remitted all court costs and Board costs in this matter.

(3) Additionally, Mr. Kerley shall comply in all aspects with Tenn. Sup. Ct. R.

¹Because this matter was initiated prior to January 1, 2014, it is governed by Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9 (2006) except as otherwise noted.

9, §§ 18 (2006) and 30.4(d) (2014), regarding the obligations and responsibilities of disbarred 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. Kerley shall pay to the Board of Professional Responsibility the expenses and costs of this matter in the amount of \$1,263.36 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).

PER CURIAM