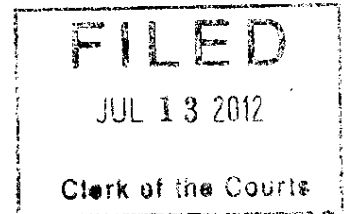


IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE

IN RE JOSEPH T. KIRKLAND, JR., BPR #007503
An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee
(Shelby County)

No. M2012-01403-SC-BPR-BP
BOPR No. 2011-2054-9-RW



ORDER OF ENFORCEMENT

This matter is before the Court upon a Petition for Discipline filed June 15, 2011 in Docket No. 2011-2054-9-RW by the Board of Professional Responsibility ("Board") against Joseph T. Kirkland, Jr.; upon Mr. Kirkland's Answer to the Petition for Discipline filed July 8, 2011; upon entry of a Conditional Guilty Plea filed by Mr. Kirkland on March 19, 2012; upon an Order Recommending Approval of Conditional Guilty Plea entered on May 8, 2012; upon consideration and approval by the Board on June 22, 2012; and upon the entire record in this cause.

From all of which the Court approves the recommendation of the Hearing Panel and accepts the Conditional Guilty Plea.

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

1. Joseph T. Kirkland, Jr. shall be and is hereby suspended from the practice of law for one (1) year, pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 4.2. Mr. Kirkland's suspension shall consist of ninety (90) days active suspension and the remainder on probation.

2. The one (1) year suspension is subject to the following condition:

- During the probationary period, Mr. Kirkland shall engage a practice monitor who will report on a monthly basis to Disciplinary Counsel. Mr. Kirkland shall submit the names of several candidates for practice monitor to Disciplinary Counsel who will then approve the selection of one candidate. The practice monitor shall be charged with reviewing and monitoring Mr. Kirkland's office practices. Failure of Mr. Kirkland to

cooperate with the practice monitor or to demonstrate compliance with the monitor's expectations for performance may result in a revocation of the probationary period and imposition of suspension for the remainder of the period.

3. The suspension shall become effective ten (10) days after the filing of this Order.

4. Mr. Kirkland shall comply in all aspects with Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 18 regarding the obligations and responsibilities of suspended attorneys.

5. Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 24.3, Mr. Kirkland shall pay to the Board of Professional Responsibility the expenses and costs of this matter in the amount of \$397.32 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.

6. The Board shall cause notice of this discipline to be published as required by Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 18.10.

FOR THE COURT:



WILLIAM C. KOCH, JR., JUSTICE