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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: WILLIAM A. LANE, BPR #11848
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WILLIAMSON COUNTY LAWYER DISBARRED

On June 9, 2014, William A. Lane of Thompsons Station, Tennessee, was disbarred by Order of the Tennessee Supreme Court.

On December 19, 2013, the Board of Professional Responsibility filed a Petition for Discipline against Mr. Lane alleging that he submitted false and deceptive fee claims to the Administrative Office of the Courts. Mr. Lane accepted appointments to represent indigent defendants for several years in which he failed to keep contemporaneous time records; billed for out of court time as if it were in court time; and billed for the full amount of time he was in court for each case even when appearing on multiple cases during one hearing rather than prorating his time. He did not file an answer to the petition nor appear for the final hearing. A Hearing Panel determined that disbarment was the appropriate sanction.

Mr. Lane violated the following Rules of Professional Conduct 1.5, Fees; 3.3(a)(1), Candor toward the Tribunal; 3.4(c), Fairness to Opposing Party and Counsel; and 8.4(a), (c) and (d), Misconduct.

Mr. Lane must comply with Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 18 (2006) and Section 30.4 (2014) regarding the obligations and responsibilities of disbarred attorneys and the procedures for reinstatement. He must pay the Board's costs and expenses prior to reinstatement to the practice of law.

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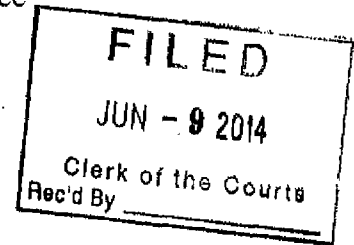
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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE

IN RE: WILLIAM A. LANE, BPR # 11848
An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee
(Williamson County)

NO. M2014-01048-SC-BAR-BP

BOPR DOCKET NO. 2013-2280-6-WM



ORDER OF ENFORCEMENT

This matter is before the Court upon a Petition for Discipline filed against William A. Lane on December 19, 2013; upon a Motion for Default Judgment and that Charges in Petition for Discipline Be Deemed Admitted filed by the Board on January 15, 2014; upon entry of an Order for Default Judgment on February 18, 2014; upon a hearing on March 20, 2014; upon the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Judgment entered on March 25, 2014; upon service of the Judgment upon Mr. Lane by the Executive Secretary of the Board on March 25, 2014; upon consideration and approval by the Board on May 19, 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 disbarment.

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

(1) William A. Lane is disbarred pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 4.1 (2006).

(2) Additionally, Mr. Lane shall comply in all aspects with Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 18 (2006) and Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 30.4 (2014) regarding the obligations and responsibilities of disbarred attorneys and the procedure for reinstatement. Mr. Lane must meet all CLE requirements and all registration requirements prior 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) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 18.5 (2006), this Order shall be effective ten (10) days after the date of entry.

(4) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 24.3 (2006), Mr. Lane shall pay to the Board of Professional Responsibility the expenses and costs of this matter in the amount of \$550.82 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.

(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 (2006).

PER CURIAM