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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: MICHAEL E. LATIMORE, BPR# 20170
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BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY
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September 4, 2012

SHELBY COUNTY LAWYER DISBARRED

On August 31, 2012, Michael E. Latimore, of Memphis, Tennessee, was disbarred by Order of the Tennessee Supreme Court. He was further ordered to pay restitution to six (6) clients and to pay costs to the Board of Professional Responsibility.

The Board of Professional Responsibility filed a Petition for Discipline and a Supplemental Petition for Discipline against Mr. Latimore pursuant to Rule 9 of the Rules of the Supreme Court of Tennessee. Mr. Latimore failed to account for settlement proceeds and to make timely distribution to a third party. Mr. Latimore used the settlement funds for his personal benefit. Mr. Latimore also failed to communicate with his clients. Finally, Mr. Latimore abandoned his practice.

His actions violate the following Rules of Professional Conduct: 1.1, Competence; 1.3, Diligence; 1.4, Communication; 1.5, Fees, 1.15, Safekeeping Property; 1.16, Declining and Terminating Representation; 8.1(b), Disciplinary Matters; and 8.4(a)(b) and (c), Misconduct.

Mr. Latimore must comply with the requirements of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Sections 18 and 19, should he seek reinstatement of his Tennessee law license, and he may not resume practice until reinstated by further order of the Court.

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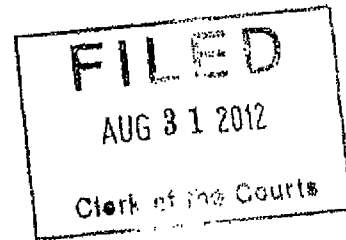
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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE

IN RE MICHAEL E. LATIMORE, BPR #020170
An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee
(Shelby County)

No. M2012-01795-SC-BPR-BP
BOPR No. 2011-2061-9-KH



ORDER OF ENFORCEMENT

This matter is before the Court upon a Petition for Discipline filed against Michael E. Latimore on July 17, 2011; upon Motion for Default Judgment and That Allegations Contained in Petition for Discipline Be Deemed Admitted filed on September 28, 2011; upon Order of Default Judgment entered on November 28, 2011; upon Motion to Permit Supplemental Petition for Discipline filed on January 20, 2012; upon Order Permitting Supplemental Petition for Discipline entered on January 27, 2012; upon Supplemental Petition for Discipline filed on January 31, 2012; upon Order of Default Judgment entered on March 15, 2012; upon final hearing held on May 8, 2012; upon Judgment of the Hearing Panel entered on May 29, 2012; upon service of the Judgment on Mr. Latimore by the Executive Secretary for the Board on May 29, 2012; upon consideration and approval by the Board on June 22, 2012; upon the expiration of the appeal period with no appeal filed; and upon the entire record in this cause.

From all of which the Court approves the Order of the Hearing Panel and adopts the Order of the Hearing Panel as the Court's Order.

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

1. Michael E. Latimore, is disbarred from the practice of law pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 4.1. Further, as a condition precedent to reinstatement to the practice of law, Mr. Latimore shall be required to pay restitution, and to show proof that restitution has been paid, as follows:

- (a) Joyce Watson – The full amount of settlement proceeds less payments to medical providers and third parties made by Mr. Latimore on her behalf.

(b) Kendra Mitchell – The full amount of settlement proceeds less payments to medical providers and third parties made by Mr. Latimore on her behalf.

(c) Max Foner, M.D. - \$3,120.00.

(d) Tammy Gilliam - \$1,000.00.

(e) John Bogan - \$651.50.

(f) Monica Marshall - \$750.00.

2. Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 18.5, the disbarment shall become effective ten (10) days after the filing of this Order.

3. Mr. Latimore shall comply in all aspects with Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 18 and § 19 regarding the obligations and responsibilities of disbarred attorneys and the procedure for reinstatement.

4. Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 24.3, Mr. Latimore shall pay to the Board of Professional Responsibility the expenses and costs of this matter in the amount of \$1,400.00, and in addition, shall pay to the Clerk of this Court the costs ordered 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.

FOR THE COURT:



WILLIAM C. KOCH, JR., JUSTICE