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OF THE
SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE**

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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: ERICA MAY LOTZ, BPR #031213
CONTACT: BRITTANY LAVALLE
BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY
615-361-7500

December 20, 2019

DAVIDSON COUNTY LAWYER SUSPENDED

Erica May Lotz, of Nashville, Tennessee was suspended by Order of Reciprocal Discipline entered by the Supreme Court of Tennessee on December 20, 2019, consistent with the discipline entered by the Supreme Court of Louisiana. On September 17, 2019, the Supreme Court of Louisiana suspended Ms. Lotz from the practice of law for a period of one year and one day, with all but thirty day of the suspension deferred, followed by a two-year period of unsupervised probation.

Ms. Lotz may not return to the practice of law in Tennessee until an order of reinstatement is entered by the Supreme Court of Tennessee and must comply with the requirements of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Sections 28 and 30.4, regarding the obligations and responsibilities of suspended attorneys. Ms. Lotz must pay the Board's costs and expenses and the court costs within ninety (90) days of December 20, 2019.

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE

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Clerk of the
Appellate Courts

IN RE: ERICA MAY LOTZ, BPR #031213
An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee
(Davidson County)

No. M2019-01999-SC-BAR-BP
BOPR No. 2019-3048-0-BL-25

ORDER OF RECIPROCAL DISCIPLINE

This matter is before the Court pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 25, upon a Notice of Submission filed by the Board of Professional Responsibility ("Board") consisting of a certified copy of an order of the Supreme Court of Louisiana entered September 17, 2019, suspending Erica May Lotz.

On November 12, 2019, this Court entered a Notice of Reciprocal Discipline instructing Ms. Lotz to inform this Court, within thirty (30) days of receipt of the Notice, why reciprocal discipline should not be imposed in Tennessee pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 25.4; and in the absence of a response by Ms. Lotz demonstrating the grounds set forth in Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 25.4, the Court will impose a discipline with identical terms and conditions based upon the order of the Supreme Court of Louisiana.

After careful consideration of the record in this matter as well as the filings of the parties, the Court finds, based upon the particular facts of this case, that none of the elements in Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 25.4 exist. Accordingly, it is appropriate to enter an Order of Reciprocal Discipline.

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

- (1) Erica May Lotz shall be suspended pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.4 consistent with the discipline entered by the Supreme Court of Louisiana, attached to this Order as Exhibit A.
- (2) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 31.3, Ms. Lotz shall pay to the Board of Professional Responsibility the expenses and costs of this matter in the amount of \$100.00 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.

- (3) Prior to seeking reinstatement, Ms. Lotz 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 suspension until the date of reinstatement; and have remitted all court costs and Board costs in this matter.
- (4) Ms. Lotz shall comply in all aspects with Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, §§ 28 and 30.4, regarding the obligations and responsibilities of suspended attorneys and the procedure for reinstatement.
- (5) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 28.1, this Order shall be effective upon entry.
- (6) The Board of Professional Responsibility shall cause notice of this discipline to be published as required by Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 28.11.

PER CURIAM

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SUPREME COURT OF LOUISIANA

NO. 2019-B-1103

IN RE: ERICA MAY LOTZ

SEP 17 2019

ATTORNEY DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDING

PER CURIAM

Sme The Office of Disciplinary Counsel ("ODC") commenced an investigation into allegations that respondent mismanaged her client trust account. Prior to the filing of formal charges, respondent and the ODC submitted a joint petition for consent discipline. Having reviewed the petition,

IT IS ORDERED that the Petition for Consent Discipline be accepted and that Erica May Lotz, Louisiana Bar Roll number 31501, be suspended from the practice of law for a period of one year and one day. All but thirty days of this suspension shall be deferred, followed by a two-year period of unsupervised probation. The probationary period shall commence from the date respondent and the ODC execute a formal probation plan. Any failure of respondent to comply with the conditions of probation, or any misconduct during the probationary period, may be grounds for making the deferred portion of the suspension executory, or imposing additional discipline, as appropriate.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all costs and expenses in the matter are assessed against respondent in accordance with Supreme Court Rule XIX, § 10.1, with legal interest to commence thirty days from the date of finality of this court's judgment until paid.

SUPREME COURT OF LOUISIANA
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Edwin C. Gopzeles, Jr.
Deputy Clerk of Court

Exhibit A

The Supreme Court of the State of Louisiana

IN RE: ERICA MAY LOTZ

No.2019-B-01103

IN RE: Disciplinary Counsel - Applicant Other; Erica May Lotz - Applicant Other;
Joint Petition for Consent Discipline;

September 17, 2019

Joint petition for consent discipline accepted. See per curiam.

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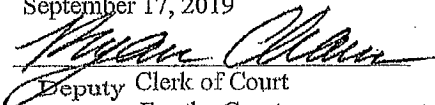
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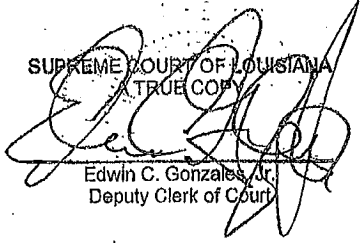
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Supreme Court of Louisiana
September 17, 2019


Deputy Clerk of Court
For the Court

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