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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: RANDY PAUL LUCAS, BPR #019907
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February 8, 2019

SUMNER COUNTY LAWYER SUSPENDED

On February 8, 2019, the Tennessee Supreme Court suspended Randy Paul Lucas from the practice of law for three (3) years, with six (6) months on active suspension and the remainder on probation. Mr. Lucas is required to engage a practice monitor during the probationary period and to pay the costs of the disciplinary proceeding. The suspension is effective immediately.

On June 28, 2017, the Board filed a Petition for Discipline against Mr. Lucas containing one complaint of misconduct. The complaint alleged that Mr. Lucas agreed to represent a client in a personal injury case but failed to take any action on his client's behalf thereby allowing the statute of limitations in this case to expire. Mr. Lucas failed to maintain consistent communication with this client and made repeated misrepresentations to this client. Mr. Lucas entered a Conditional Guilty Plea in this matter, and made a payment to the affected client as compensation for his loss.

Mr. Lucas' misconduct violates Rules of Professional Conduct 1.1 (competence), 1.3 (diligence), 1.4 (communication), 1.8 (conflict of interest), and 8.4 (a) (c) and (d) (misconduct).

Mr. Lucas must comply with Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Sections 28 and 30.4 regarding the obligations and responsibilities suspended attorneys.

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE

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IN RE: RANDY PAUL LUCAS, BPR #019907
An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee
(Sumner County)

No. M2019-00233-SC-BAR-BP
BOPR No. 2017-2736-6-AJ

ORDER OF ENFORCEMENT

This matter is before the Court upon a Petition for Discipline filed by the Board of Professional Responsibility ("Board") against Randy Paul Lucas on June 28, 2017; upon an Answer to Petition for Discipline filed by Mr. Lucas on October 3, 2017; upon a Conditional Guilty Plea filed by Mr. Lucas on August 15, 2018; upon an Order Recommending Approval of Conditional Guilty Plea entered on August 22, 2018; upon consideration and approval by the Board on September 14, 2018; upon a second Conditional Guilty Plea filed by Mr. Lucas on December 10, 2018; upon an Order Recommending Approval of Conditional Guilty Plea entered on December 10, 2018; upon consideration and approval by the Board on December 14, 2018; and upon the entire record in this cause.

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

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

(1) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.2, Randy Paul Lucas is suspended from the practice of law for three (3) years, consisting of six (6) months active suspension and the remainder on probation pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9 §14 subject to the following conditions:

(a) Mr. Lucas, at his cost, if any, shall engage the services of a Practice Monitor who shall be selected and approved in accordance with Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.9(c). The Practice Monitor shall meet with Mr. Lucas monthly during the period of probation and assess Mr. Lucas's case load, case management,

timeliness of performing tasks, adequacy of communication with clients and accounting procedures. The Practice Monitor shall provide a monthly written report of Mr. Lucas's progress to Disciplinary Counsel.

(b) During the period of active suspension and probation, Mr. Lucas shall incur no new complaints of misconduct that relate to conduct occurring during the period of suspension and probation that result in the recommendation by the Board that discipline be imposed.

(c) In the event Mr. Lucas fails to meet any condition of probation, the probation may be revoked pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 14.2, and upon a finding that revocation is warranted, Mr. Lucas shall serve the previously deferred period of suspension.

(2) Mr. Lucas 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.

(3) Mr. Lucas must meet 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) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 28.1, this Order shall be effective immediately.

(5) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 31.3, Mr. Lucas shall pay to the Board of Professional Responsibility the expenses and costs of this matter in the amount of \$835.56, 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, § 28.11.

PER CURIAM