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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: PHILIP K. LYON, BPR# 13661
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March 25, 2013

NASHVILLE ATTORNEY SUSPENDED

On March 22, 2013, the law license of Philip K. Lyon of Nashville, Tennessee, was suspended by the Tennessee Supreme Court for a period of one (1) year pursuant to Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 4.2. Mr. Lyon was also ordered to enter into a secured promissory note payable to a former client in the amount of \$42,500.00 and make full restitution to the former client as a condition precedent to reinstatement.

On May 9, 2012, the Board of Professional Responsibility filed a Petition for Discipline based upon a self-report by Mr. Lyon that he was improperly dealing with funds in his client trust account. Mr. Lyon admitted that he failed to protect client property and that he used funds for his personal benefit.

By these acts, Philip K. Lyon has violated Rules 1.15 (b) and (d) (safekeeping property and funds) and 8.4(a), (b), and (c) (misconduct) of the Rules of Professional Conduct and is hereby suspended for these violations.

Mr. Lyon was further ordered to pay the expenses and costs of the disciplinary proceeding against him pursuant to Rule 9, Section 24.3, of the Rules of the Supreme Court, and fully comply in all respects with the requirements and obligations of suspended attorneys and the procedure for reinstatement as set forth in Rule 9, Sections 18 and 19, of the Rules of the Supreme Court.

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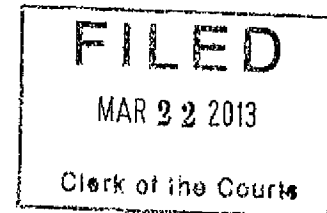
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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE

IN RE PHILIP K. LYON, BPR #013661
An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee
(Davidson County)

No. M2013-00712-SC-BPR-BP
BOPR No. 2012-2118-5-KB



ORDER OF ENFORCEMENT

This matter is before the Court upon a Petition for Discipline filed by the Board of Professional Responsibility against Philip K. Lyon on May 9, 2012; upon an Answer to the Petition for Discipline filed by Mr. Lyon on June 25, 2012; upon a hearing held on December 12, 2012; upon the Judgment of the Hearing Panel on January 11, 2013; upon the Board's approval of the Hearing Panel's recommendation on January 23, 2013; upon expiration of the appeal period with no appeal taken; and upon the entire record in this cause.

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

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

1. Philip K. Lyon shall be and is hereby suspended for a period of one (1) year pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 4.2.
2. Mr. Lyon's suspension shall become effective within ten (10) days of the filing of this Order.
3. Mr. Lyon shall enter into a secured promissory note payable to David Harp in the amount of \$42,500.00 and shall make full restitution to Mr. Harp as a condition precedent to reinstatement. In the event that Mr. Harp applies for and receives restitution from the Tennessee Lawyer's Fund for Client Protection ("TLFCP"), Mr. Lyon will be responsible for reimbursement to the TLFCP of the same amount.
4. Mr. Lyon shall comply in all aspects with Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, §§ 18 and 19 regarding the obligations and responsibilities of suspended attorneys and the procedure for reinstatement.

5. Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 24.3, Mr. Lyon shall pay to the Board of Professional Responsibility the expenses and costs of this matter in the amount of \$2,304.22, 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 suspension to be published as required by Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 18.10.

FOR THE COURT:

Cornelia A. Clark
CORNELIA A. CLARK, JUSTICE