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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: TONY LAWRENCE MAPLES, BPR# 18782
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January 5, 2012

RUTHERFORD COUNTY ATTORNEY DISBARRED

On January 3, 2012, the Tennessee Supreme Court disbarred Tony Lawrence Maples, a Murfreesboro attorney, pursuant to Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 4.1. Mr. Maples was ordered to pay restitution to two former clients totaling \$14,532.00. Additionally, Mr. Maples must submit to an evaluation with the Tennessee Lawyer's Assistance Program as a condition precedent to reinstatement.

A Petition for Discipline was filed against Mr. Maples containing two (2) complaints of disciplinary misconduct alleging that Mr. Maples violated disciplinary rules by abandoning his practice, failing to represent his clients with diligence and competence, and failing to communicate with his clients.

Mr. Maples' actions violated Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 8, Rules of Professional Conduct 1.1 (Competence), 1.3 (Diligence), 1.4 (Communication), 1.5 (Fees), 3.2 (Expediting Litigation), 8.1(b) (Bar Admission and Disciplinary Matters), and 8.4 (Misconduct).

This is the second case in which Mr. Maples has been disbarred for disciplinary violations. Mr. Maples 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 this Court.

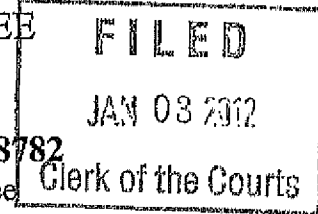
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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE

IN RE TONY LAWRENCE MAPLES, BPR #018782
An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee
(Rutherford County)



No. M2011-02757-SC-BPR-BP

BOPR No. 2011-2040-4-RS

ORDER OF ENFORCEMENT

This matter is before the Court upon a Petition for Discipline filed on April 28, 2011 by the Board of Professional Responsibility ("Board") against Tony Lawrence Maples; upon a Motion for Default Judgment and That Allegations in the Petition Be Deemed Admitted filed by the Board on May 16, 2011; upon an Order of Default entered by the Hearing Panel on July 18, 2011; upon a hearing held on September 27, 2011; upon a Judgment entered by the Hearing Panel on October 7, 2011; upon service of the Judgment on Mr. Maples sent by the Board on October 10, 2011; upon consideration and approval by the Board on October 20, 2011; upon expiration of the time to appeal 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.

By Order entered on February 14, 2011, in Case No. M2011-00304-SC-BPO-BP, Mr. Maples was disbarred from the practice of law. Further, Mr. Maples was suspended for CLE noncompliance on September 3, 2010 and suspended for failing to pay his professional privilege tax on December 3, 2010. To date, Mr. Maples has not requested, nor been granted, reinstatement.

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

1. Tony Lawrence Maples shall be and is hereby disbarred from the practice of law pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 4.1.

2. Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 4.7, Mr. Maples shall pay restitution to Lagantrie Hickman in the amount of \$1,532.00. Mr. Maples shall pay restitution to Leanne Adams in the amount of \$3,000.00 as a refund of

legal fees. Additionally, Mr. Maples shall pay \$10,000.00 to Ms. Adams as a result of the default judgment taken against her including any post-judgment interest or penalties necessary to absolve Ms. Adams of liability in her underlying civil matter. Restitution shall be a condition precedent to reinstatement.

3. As a further condition precedent to reinstatement, Mr. Maples must submit to an evaluation with the Tennessee Lawyer's Assistance Program.

4. This disbarment shall become effective ten (10) days after the filing of this Order.

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

6. Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 24.3, Mr. Maples shall pay to the Board of Professional Responsibility the expenses and costs of this matter in the amount of \$346.67 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.

7. The Board shall cause notice of this disbarment to be published as required by Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 18.10.

FOR THE COURT:



WILLIAM C. KOCH, JR., JUSTICE

I, Michael W. Catalano, Clerk, hereby certify that
this is a true and exact copy of the original

Order
filed in the cause.

This 3 day of Jan. 2012
CLERK OF COURT

By:  p.c.