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WASHINGTON COUNTY LAWYER SUSPENDED

On July 11, 2012, the Tennessee Supreme Court suspended Bryan Bradley Martin, of Johnson City, Tennessee, for one year, with all time suspended and served on probation.

The Board of Professional Responsibility filed a Petition for Discipline and Supplemental Petition against Mr. Martin pursuant to Rule 9, Rules of the Supreme Court of Tennessee. The Board of Professional Responsibility alleged that Mr. Martin neglected clients' matters and failed to communicate with his clients.

Mr. Martin submitted a Conditional Guilty Plea which was approved by a Hearing Panel, the Board of Professional Responsibility and the Supreme Court.

Mr. Martin's actions violate Rules of Professional Conduct 1.1 (competence); 1.3 (diligence); 1.4 (communication); 1.16 (terminating representation); 3.2 (expediting litigation) and 8.4 (misconduct). For these violations, the Supreme Court of Tennessee suspended Mr. Martin's law license with all time suspended and served on probation. Mr. Martin must comply with the requirements of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 18.

Mr. Martin was furthered ordered to pay the expenses and costs of the disciplinary proceedings pursuant to Rule 9, Section 24.3, of the Rules of the Supreme Court.

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE AT NASHVILLE

IN RE BRYAN BRADLEY MARTIN, BPR #022176

An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee (Washington County)

No. M2012-01399-SC-BPR-BP BOPR No. 2012-2102-1-SG FILED
JUL 1 1 2012
Clerk of the Courts

ORDER OF ENFORCEMENT

This matter is before the Court upon a Petition for Discipline filed against Bryan Bradley Martin on January 26, 2012; upon Bryan Bradley Martin's Conditional Guilty Plea filed May 7, 2012; upon the Board's Supplemental Petition for Discipline filed May 17, 2012; upon the Hearing Panel's Order of Recommendation of Conditional Guilty Plea entered on May 21, 2012; upon the Board's approval of the Order on June 22, 2012, 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 of Recommendation of Conditional Guilty Plea as the Court's Order.

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

- 1. Bryan Bradley Martin is suspended from the practice of law for one year, with all time suspended and served on probation subject to the terms outlined in Bryan Bradley Martin's Conditional Guilty Plea:
 - (1) Mr. Martin's continued compliance with his Tennessee Lawyers Assistance Program (TLAP) monitoring agreement and agreement for TLAP to report his compliance to the Board of Professional Responsibility;
 - (2) Mr. Martin's agreement to practice while on probation with a practice monitor. Disciplinary Counsel and Mr. Martin agree that Anthony Seaton will serve as Mr. Martin's practice monitor subject to the following conditions:
 - (a) Mr. Martin will initiate a monthly meeting at Mr. Seaton's law office, or a place as determined by Mr. Seaton, to be held no later than the 5th day of each month.

- (b) Mr. Martin will be required to furnish a list of all clients and cases currently pending with the following information: (1) the status of each case; (2) the last date of contact for each client; and (3) a plan of action for each case.
- (c) Mr. Martin will be required to immediately contact Mr. Seaton in the event that any judge, client, or prospective client initiates any adverse contact or communication with Mr. Martin concerning the status or development of any matter whatsoever.
- (d) Mr. Seaton will be required to report the status of the meeting to the Board of Professional Responsibility no later than the 10th day of each month.
- 2. Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 18.5, this Order shall be effective ten (10) days after the date of entry.
- 3. Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 24.3, the Mr. Martin shall pay to the Board of Professional Responsibility the expenses and costs of this matter in the amount of \$398.00 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.
- 4. 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