IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE AT NASHVILLE

IN RE: VENITA MARIE MARTIN, BPR #17469

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

No. M2016-01948-SC-BAR-BP BOPR No. 2015-2485-9-AW FILED

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Clerk of the Courts

ORDER OF ENFORCEMENT

This matter is before the Court upon a Petition for Discipline filed against Venita Marie Martin on September 1, 2015; upon a Supplemental Petition for Discipline filed December 15, 2015; upon a Motion for Default Judgment and that Charges in Petition for Discipline be Deemed Admitted filed March 7, 2016; upon an Amended Motion for Default Judgment and that Charges in Petition for Discipline be Deemed Admitted filed April 4, 2016; upon an Order Granting Default Judgment and Deeming Charges Set Forth in the Petition Admitted entered April 6, 2016; upon the final hearing held May 27, 2016; upon the Board of Professional Responsibility's Application for Assessment of Costs filed June 15, 2016; upon the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Judgment of the Hearing Panel with dissenting opinion entered July 20, 2016; upon service of the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Judgment on Respondent on July 20, 2016; upon consideration and approval by the Board on September 9, 2016; upon expiration of the time for appeal with no appeal taken; 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 Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Judgment as the Court's Order.

On July 17, 2015, Ms. Martin was temporarily suspended by this Court (Docket No. M2015-01291-SC-BAR-BP) pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.3. To date, Ms. Martin has not requested, nor been granted, reinstatement.

- IT IS, THEREFORE, CONSIDERED, ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED BY THE COURT THAT:
- (1) Venita Marie Martin is disbarred from the practice of law, pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.1.

- (2) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.7, and as a condition precedent to any reinstatement, Ms. Martin shall make restitution to the following individuals and shall furnish to the Board of Professional Responsibility proof of restitution. In the event restitution is made by the Tennessee Lawyer's Fund for Client Protection (TLFCP), Ms. Martin shall reimburse TLFCP in the same amount:
 - (a) Will Crenshaw \$1,300.00
 - (b) Troy L. Vaughn, Jr. \$2,500.00
 - (c) Torrick Brooks \$330.00
- (3) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 31.3(d), Ms. Martin shall pay to the Board of Professional Responsibility the expenses and costs of this matter in the amount of \$1,494.28 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.
- (4) As a condition precedent to her reinstatement to the practice of law in Tennessee, Ms. Martin shall meet all CLE requirements; have remitted all outstanding registration fees and outstanding professional privilege taxes, including those due from the date of this disbarment until the date of reinstatement; and have remitted all court costs and Board costs in this matter.
- (5) The Order of Temporary Suspension (Docket No. M2015-01291-SC-BAR-BP) entered July 17, 2015, is dissolved.
- (6) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 28.1, this Order shall be effective upon entry.
- (7) 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