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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: WILLIAM T. MAXWELL, BPR #6916
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January 9, 2014

SHELBY COUNTY LAWYER SUSPENDED

On January 7, 2014, William T. Maxwell, of Memphis, Tennessee, was suspended from the practice of law by Order of the Tennessee Supreme Court for one (1) year, retroactive to July 19, 2012, the date he was transferred from Disability Inactive Status to Active Status. He must pay the Board of Professional Responsibility's costs and expenses within ninety days of the entry of the Order of Enforcement. Prior to reinstatement, Mr. Maxwell must comply with any recommendations of the Tennessee Lawyers Assistance Program and engage a practice monitor regarding his trust account.

On May 16, 2013, following Mr. Maxwell's self-report that he had misappropriated funds from his real estate trust account, a Petition for Discipline was filed against Mr. Maxwell. Mr. Maxwell returned the misappropriated funds prior to self-reporting his conduct. Mr. Maxwell's actions violated RPC 1.15 (safekeeping property), and; 8.4 (a), (b) and (c) (misconduct).

Mr. Maxwell must comply with the requirements of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Sections 18 and 19, regarding the obligations and responsibilities of suspended attorneys.

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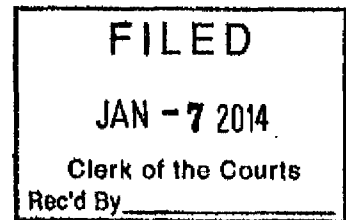
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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE

IN RE: WILLIAM T. MAXWELL, BPR # 6916
An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee
(Shelby County)

No. M2013-02862-SC-BAR-BP

BOPR Docket No. 2013-2220-9-AJ



ORDER OF ENFORCEMENT

This matter is before the Court upon a Petition for Discipline filed against William T. Maxwell on May 16, 2013; upon Answer to Petition for Discipline filed by Mr. Maxwell on June 24, 2013; upon final hearing held before a Hearing Panel on October 16, 2013; upon entry of the Judgment of the Hearing Panel on October 29, 2013; upon service of the Judgment on the Respondent by the Executive Secretary for the Board on October 29, 2013; upon consideration and approval by the Board on December 6, 2013; upon Notice that Mr. Maxwell will not appeal the Judgment of the Hearing Panel; 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) William T. Maxwell is suspended for fifteen (15) months pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 4.2, retroactive to July 19, 2012.
- (2) Upon reinstatement Mr. Maxwell shall comply with any recommendations by the Tennessee Lawyers Assistant Program, and have a practice monitor regarding his trust account.
- (3) Mr. Maxwell shall comply in all aspects with Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 18 and § 19 regarding the obligations and responsibilities of suspended attorneys.
- (4) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 18.5, this Order shall be effective ten (10) days after the date of entry.

(5) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 24.3, Mr. Maxwell shall pay to the Board of Professional Responsibility the expenses and costs of this matter in the amount of \$3,722.21 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 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:

Cornelia A. Clark
CORNELIA A. CLARK, JUSTICE