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**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**  
**RE: MICHAEL JOHN MCNULTY, BPR #25974**  
**CONTACT: WILLIAM C. MOODY**  
**BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY**  
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February 15, 2018

**DAVIDSON COUNTY LAWYER DISBARRED**

On February 15, 2018, Michael John McNulty, of Nashville, Tennessee, was disbarred from the practice of law effective immediately by Order of the Tennessee Supreme Court. In addition, Mr. McNulty must make restitution to two clients as a condition of reinstatement. Mr. McNulty must pay the Board's costs and expenses and the court costs within ninety days of the entry of the Order of Enforcement.

Mr. McNulty signed two clients' names to settlement checks without their permission, misappropriated the settlement funds and made misrepresentations to the clients that the checks had not been received. In several matters, Mr. McNulty did not represent clients diligently, did not communicate with them and did not respond to the Board's requests for information.

Mr. McNulty's ethical misconduct violated Tennessee Rules of Professional Conduct 1.1, Competence; 1.2, Scope of Representation; 1.3, Diligence; 1.4, Communication; 1.5, Fees; 1.15, Safekeeping Property and Funds; 1.16, Declining and Terminating Representation; 3.2, Expediting Litigation; 8.1, Bar Admission and Disciplinary Matters; and 8.4(a), (b), (c) and (g), Misconduct.

On March 9, 2017, Mr. McNulty was temporarily suspended by the Tennessee Supreme Court for posing a threat of substantial harm to the public. As Mr. McNulty is now disbarred, the temporary suspension is dissolved.

Mr. McNulty must comply with the requirements of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Sections 28 and 30, regarding the obligations and responsibilities of suspended attorneys.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE  
AT NASHVILLE

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**IN RE: MICHAEL JOHN McNULTY, BPR #25974**  
An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee  
(Davidson County)

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**No. M2018-00250-SC-BAR-BP**  
BOPR No. 2017-2669-5-WM

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**ORDER OF ENFORCEMENT**

This matter is before the Court upon a Petition for Discipline filed against Michael John McNulty on January 4, 2017; upon a Motion for Default Judgment and that Charges in Petition Be Deemed Admitted filed on May 1, 2017; upon an Order for Default Judgment entered on June 5, 2017; upon a Supplemental Petition for Discipline filed on August 1, 2017; upon a Motion for Default Judgment and that Charges in Supplemental Petition Be Deemed Admitted filed on August 29, 2017; upon an Order for Default Judgment entered on September 1, 2017; upon a hearing on October 24, 2017; upon the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Judgment entered on December 5, 2017; upon service of the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Judgment upon Mr. McNulty by the Executive Secretary of the Board on December 5, 2017; upon the Board of Professional Responsibility's Application for Assessment of Costs filed on November 13, 2017; upon the Findings and Judgment for Assessment of Costs entered on November 30, 2017; upon service of the Findings and Judgment for Assessment of Costs upon Mr. McNulty by the Executive Secretary of the Board on November 30, 2017; upon consideration and approval by the Board on December 8, 2017; 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 Order of the Hearing Panel and adopts the Hearing Panel's Judgment recommending a disbarment as the Court's Order.

On March 9, 2017, Mr. McNulty was temporarily suspended by this Court pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.3 (Case No. M2017-00462-SC-BAR-BP). To date, Mr. McNulty has not requested, nor been granted, reinstatement.

IT IS, THEREFORE, CONSIDERED, ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED BY THE COURT THAT:

- (1) Mr. McNulty is disbarred, 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, Mr. McNulty shall make restitution to Anthony Hammonds in the amount of \$750.00 and to Laura Hurt in the amount of \$25,000.00 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), Mr. McNulty shall reimburse TLFCP in the same amount.

(3) Prior to seeking reinstatement, Mr. McNulty must 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.

(4) Mr. McNulty shall comply in all aspects with Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, §§ 28 and 30.4(d), regarding the obligations and responsibilities of disbarred attorneys.

(5) Further, the Order of Temporary Suspension entered on March 9, 2017, in Case No. M2017-00462-SC-BAR-BP, is hereby dissolved.

(6) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 28.1, this Order shall be effective upon entry.

(7) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 31.3(d), Mr. McNulty shall pay to the Board of Professional Responsibility the expenses and costs of this matter in the amount of \$745.91 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.

(8) 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