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**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**  
**RE: JAMES A. MEANEY, III. BPR# 13683**  
**CONTACT: KRISANN HODGES**  
**BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY**  
**615-361-7500**

June 2, 2014

**GEORGIA LAWYER SUSPENDED**

On June 2, 2014, James A. Meaney, III, of Dalton, Georgia, was suspended from the practice of law in Tennessee for eleven (11) months and twenty-nine (29) days, with three (3) months to be served as an active suspension and the remainder on probation, subject to several conditions including a practice monitor and compliance with state licensure rules.

The Board of Professional Responsibility filed a Petition for Discipline against Mr. Meaney containing four (4) complaints of misconduct. All of the complaints of ethical misconduct involve the unauthorized practice of law in Tennessee during periods of time when Mr. Meaney was suspended for failure to comply with continuing legal education requirements and failure to pay professional privilege taxes. Mr. Meaney continued to represent clients, sign and enter pleadings, and make appearances in court during these periods. Mr. Meaney did not respond to the disciplinary complaints, resulting in a temporary suspension from March 6, 2012 to December 3, 2013. Mr. Meaney appealed the decision of the Hearing Panel and the Chancery Court of Davidson County finding that suspension was appropriate. Mr. Meaney filed a notice of appeal to the Tennessee Supreme Court; however, the appeal was dismissed on May 1, 2014, due to his failure to pay the litigation tax and to respond to a show cause Order.

Mr. Meaney's ethical misconduct violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.4, Communication; 5.5, Unauthorized Practice of Law; 8.1(b), Bar Admission and Disciplinary Matters; and 8.4(a), (d) and (g), Misconduct.

Mr. Meaney must comply with the requirements of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Sections 18 and 19, concerning notice of his suspension and the procedure for reinstatement.

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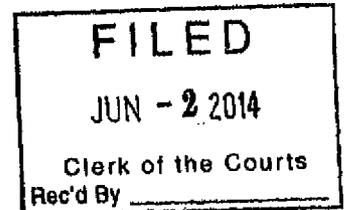
IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE  
AT NASHVILLE

**IN RE: JAMES A. MEANEY, III., BPR #13683**  
An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee  
(Dalton, Georgia)

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No. M2014-00960-SC-BAR-BP  
BOPR No. 2012-2155-0-KH

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**ORDER OF ENFORCEMENT**

This matter is before the Court upon a Petition for Discipline filed on September 7, 2012, by the Board of Professional Responsibility ("Board") against James A. Meaney, III; upon a Motion for Default Judgment and That Allegations Contained in Petition for Discipline be Deemed Admitted filed on November 26, 2012; upon an Order of Default Judgment entered by the Hearing Panel on January 28, 2013; upon the Judgment of Hearing Panel entered on February 26, 2013; upon consideration and approval by the Board on March 8, 2013; upon Appeal of Hearing Panel Decision filed by Mr. Meaney on April 29, 2013; upon an Answer filed by the Board on May 7, 2013; upon an Order entered by the Chancery Court of Davidson County on February 21, 2014, affirming the Hearing Panel's Judgment; upon Notice of Appeal filed by Mr. Meaney on March 21, 2014; upon an Order entered on April 10, 2014, by this Court ordering Mr. Meaney to pay the litigation tax or to show cause why the appeal should not be dismissed; upon an Order entered on May 1, 2014, by this Court dismissing the appeal filed by Mr. Meaney due to his failure to respond to the show cause Order or pay the litigation tax; and upon the entire record in this cause.<sup>1</sup>

From all of which the Court approves and adopts the Judgment of the Hearing Panel and Order of the Chancery Court of Davidson County.

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

(1) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 4.2 (2006), James A. Meaney, III., is suspended for eleven (11) months and twenty-nine (29) days, with three (3) months

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<sup>1</sup>Because this cause was initiated prior to January 1, 2014, it is governed by the pre-2014 version of Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9.

served as an active suspension. Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 8.5 (2006), the remaining period of the suspension shall be probated subject to the following conditions:

(a) Mr. Meaney shall be required to engage a practice monitor during the period of probation who shall monitor his compliance with continuing legal education and payment of professional privilege taxes. The practice monitor shall submit quarterly reports to the Board regarding Mr. Meaney's compliance. Mr. Meaney shall identify and provide three (3) candidates to serve as practice monitor to the Board for selection no later than thirty (30) days prior to the expiration of his active suspension.

(b) Mr. Meaney shall ensure that he is not practicing law while suspended during the three month active suspension period; Mr. Meaney shall be allowed to practice during the remainder of the probationary period provided he has met the other criteria established herein to do so.

(c) Mr. Meaney shall comply with Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, §§ 18.8 and 19.1 (2006) as a condition precedent to reinstatement from the active suspension period.

(d) Failure to comply with these conditions will result in a revocation of probation.

(2) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 18.5 (2006), this Order shall be effective ten (10) days after the date of entry.

(3) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 24.3 (2006), Mr. Meaney shall pay to the Board of Professional Responsibility the expenses and costs of this matter in the amount of \$1,766.59 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 (2006).

PER CURIAM