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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: EVERETT HOGE MECHEM, BPR #011854
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April 3, 2019

SULLIVAN COUNTY LAWYER DISBARRED

On April 3, 2019, Everett Hoge Mechem was disbarred by the Tennessee Supreme Court pursuant to Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 12.1. Mr. Mechem must pay restitution to one client and pay the costs of the disciplinary hearing. Mr. Mechem was previously disbarred by order of the Tennessee Supreme Court entered April 28, 2017, and had not been reinstated from this disbarment.

On February 23, 2018, a Petition for Discipline was filed containing one (1) complaint of misconduct. Mr. Mechem represented clients in a personal injury lawsuit and accepted a settlement that was not authorized by his clients. Further, after depositing the settlement funds into his trust account, no distribution was made to his clients and Mr. Mechem misappropriated the funds.

Mr. Mechem entered a Conditional Guilty Plea admitting that his conduct violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.1 (competence), 1.2(a) (scope of representation), 1.3 (diligence), 1.4 (communication), 1.15 (safekeeping property and funds), 8.1 (bar admission and disciplinary matters), and 8.4 (a), (b), (c) and (d) (misconduct).

Mr. Mechem must comply with the requirements of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Sections 28 and 30, regarding the obligations and responsibilities of disbarred attorneys and the procedures for reinstatement.

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE

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IN RE: EVERETT HOGE MECHEM, BPR #011854

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

No. M2019-00528-SC-BAR-BP
BOPR No. 2018-2831-1-KH

ORDER OF ENFORCEMENT

This matter is before the Court upon a Petition for Discipline filed against Everett Hoge Mechem on February 23, 2018; upon Response to Petition for Discipline filed by Mr. Mechem on April 26, 2018; upon entry of a Conditional Guilty Plea filed by Mr. Mechem on February 3, 2019; upon an Order Recommending Approval of Conditional Guilty Plea entered on February 6, 2019; upon service of the Order Recommending Approval of Conditional Guilty Plea on Mr. Mechem by the Executive Secretary of the Board on February 7, 2019; upon consideration and approval by the Board on March 8, 2019; 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 Recommending Approval of Conditional Guilty Plea as the Court's Order.

On April 28, 2017, Mr. Mechem was disbarred by this Court pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12 (Case No. M2017-00818-SC-BAR-BP). To date, Mr. Mechem has not requested, nor been granted reinstatement.

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

(1) Everett Hoge Mechem 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, Mr. Mechem shall make restitution to William Coleman, III, in the amount of \$30,000 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. Mechem shall reimburse TLFCP in the same amount and shall remain obligated to the individual listed above for any unpaid restitution.

(3) Additionally, Mr. Mechem shall comply in all aspects with Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, §§ 28 and 30.4 regarding the obligations and responsibilities of disbarred attorneys and the procedure for reinstatement.

(4) Prior to seeking reinstatement, Mr. Mechem must have met 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) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 28.1, this Order shall be effective upon entry.

(6) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 31.3(d), Mr. Mechem shall pay to the Board of Professional Responsibility the expenses and costs of this matter in the amount of \$1,518.82 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.

(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