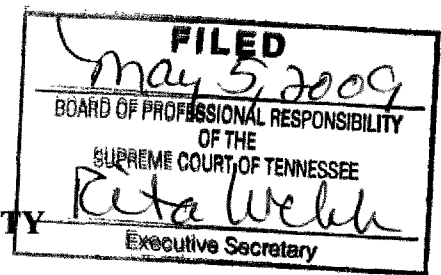


**IN DISCIPLINARY DISTRICT VI
BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY
OF THE
SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE**



**IN RE: JOCELYN D. MIMS,
 Respondent**

DOCKET NO. 2008-1797-6-RS(14)

HEARING PANEL ORDER OF DISBARMENT

This matter came to be heard April 14, 2009 before the disciplinary hearing panel of William H. Dale, Jr., Jane M. Jennings, and Christopher Joel Pittman, who were appointed by Order of March 16, 2009, upon the Petition for Final Discipline and Motion for Default Judgment filed by disciplinary Counsel and upon the records and arguments of disciplinary counsel. The panel finds as follows:

1. Respondent pleaded guilty to the charges of conspiracy to introduce contraband in a penal facility and attempt to introduce contraband in a penal facility in the Sumner County Criminal Court NO. CR-288-2008 on November 21, 2008.

2. Respondent, Jocelyn D. Mims was temporarily suspended from the practice of law by Order of the Supreme Court January 5, 2009.

3. Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9-14.3 provides that such plea shall be conclusive evidence of that crime in any disciplinary proceedings based on that conviction and 14.4 of the

same rule provides that the sole issue this hearing panel is to determine is the extent of final discipline imposed.

4. ABA standards for imposing lawyer sanctions Section 5.11 provides that disbarment is generally appropriate when there is serious criminal conduct involving intentional interference with the administration of justice ... or the sale, distribution or importation of controlled substances; and respondents plea establishes this violation.

5. Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9 Section 18.8(c) provides that respondent as a suspended attorney shall file with the Board of Professional Responsibility, an affidavit showing her place of residence and all addresses to direct any communications within 10 days of her suspension, which occurred January 5, 2009. Respondent has not done this, which was due well before her incarceration on January 29, 2009.

6. Also, Rule 20.5 through 20.7 provides an attorney is obligated to file a current address with the Board of Professional Responsibility, which Respondent has not done.

7. Notices by regular mail sent to Respondent were not returned to the Board nor has the Board received any communication indicating any address change.

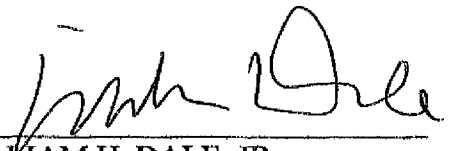
8. Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9 Section 8.2 provides failure to answer the charges of a Disciplinary Petition within twenty (20) days shall cause the charges to be deemed admitted. Respondent has filed no response and default judgment should be granted.

Based on the foregoing findings of fact and conclusions of law, the Board unanimously


Orders:

1. That Jocelyn D. Mims, Respondent, shall be disbarred effective January 5, 2009.
2. That a copy of this final order should be served upon the respondent at the Tennessee Prison for Women by the disciplinary counsel for the Board of Professional Responsibility.
3. Respondent may appeal this order as provided by law.

This order entered this 4th day of May, 2009.



WILLIAM H. DALE, JR.
Panel Chairman

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JANE M. JENNINGS _{by permission}
Panel Member

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CHRISTOPHER JOEL PITTMAN _{by permission}
Panel Member