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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: APRIL REBECCA MIMS, BPR #31527
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HENDERSON COUNTY LAWYER SUSPENDED

On October 28, 2014, April Rebecca Mims, of Lexington, Tennessee, was suspended by Order of the Tennessee Supreme Court for a fixed period of six (6) months, and an indefinite period following the six (6) months until completion of specific conditions. Ms. Mims must sign a new monitoring agreement with the Tennessee Lawyers Assistance Program and be fully compliant for no fewer than six (6) consecutive months. She must also participate in the 2014 Ethics and Professionalism course offered by the Board of Professional Responsibility. Failure to meet these conditions by December 31, 2015, will result in revocation of her conditional admission to the practice of law. Ms. Mims must also pay the Board's costs.

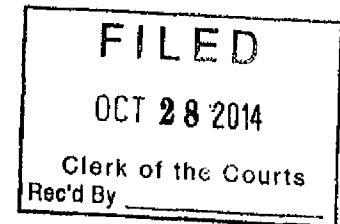
Ms. Mims was conditionally admitted to the practice of law on December 7, 2012. Pursuant to the conditional admission Order, Ms. Mims was required to remain compliant with a Tennessee Lawyers Assistance Program (TLAP) monitoring agreement. The Board filed a Petition for Discipline based on allegations that Ms. Mims was in substantial noncompliance with the monitoring agreement. Ms. Mims entered into a Conditional Guilty Plea admitting to the violations of Rules of Professional Conduct 8.4(a), (d), and (g), Misconduct.

Ms. Mims must comply with the requirements of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 18 (2006) and Section 30.4 (2014) regarding the obligations and responsibilities of suspended attorneys and the procedures for reinstatement. She may not resume practice until reinstated by further order of this Court.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE

IN RE: APRIL REBECCA MIMS, BPR #31527
An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee
(Henderson County)

No. M2014-02056-SC-BAR-BP
BOPR No. 2014-2314-7-KH



ORDER OF ENFORCEMENT

This matter is before the Court upon a Petition for Discipline filed against April Rebecca Mims on April 30, 2014; upon Answer to Petition for Discipline filed by Ms. Mims on May 14, 2014; upon entry of a Conditional Guilty Plea filed by Ms. Mims on August 11, 2014; upon Order Recommending Approval of Conditional Guilty Plea entered on August 25, 2014; upon consideration and approval by the Board on September 19, 2014; and upon the entire record in this cause.¹

Further, on December 20, 2013, Ms. Mims' license to practice law was temporarily suspended by this Court for failure to comply with a Tennessee Lawyers Assistance Program (TLAP) monitoring agreement. To date, Ms. Mims has not been reinstated from the temporary suspension.

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.

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

- 1) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 4.2 (2006), Ms. Mims shall be suspended from the practice of law for a fixed period of six (6) months and an indefinite suspension thereafter until completion of the following conditions:

¹Because this matter was initiated before the Board prior to January 1, 2014, Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9 (2006) is the governing authority except where otherwise noted.

a) Ms. Mims shall sign a new monitoring agreement with the Tennessee Lawyer's Assistance Program and she shall be fully compliant for no fewer than six (6) consecutive months.

b) Ms. Mims shall participate in the 2014 Ethics and Professionalism course offered by the Board of Professional Responsibility.

2) Further, if Ms. Mims fails to enter into a new monitoring agreement with the Tennessee Lawyer's Assistance Program or if she fails to demonstrate six (6) consecutive months of compliance by December 31, 2015, her conditional admission to the practice of law shall be revoked pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 7, § 10.05(g).

3) Ms. Mims shall comply in all aspects with Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, §§ 18 (2006) and § 30.4 (2014) regarding the obligations and responsibilities of suspended attorneys and the procedure for reinstatement.

4) Prior to seeking reinstatement, Ms. Mims must meet all CLE requirements and pay any outstanding registration fees including those due from the date of the suspension until reinstatement.

5) Further, the Order of Temporary Suspension entered on December 20, 2013 in Case No. M2013-02776-SC-BAR-BP is hereby dissolved.

6) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 24.3 (2006), Ms. Mims shall pay to the Board of Professional Responsibility the expenses and costs of this matter in the amount of \$94.64, 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 shall cause notice of this discipline to be published pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 18.10 (2006).

PER CURIAM