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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: GREGORY WAYNE MINTON, BPR# 15584
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BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY
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June 26, 2015

MADISON COUNTY LAWYER SUSPENDED

On June 26, 2015, Gregory Wayne Minton, formerly of Jackson, Tennessee, was suspended by Order of the Tennessee Supreme Court for five (5) years. Mr. Minton is also ordered to pay restitution to five (5) former clients. Mr. Minton must pay the costs and expenses of the disciplinary action to the Board of Professional Responsibility.

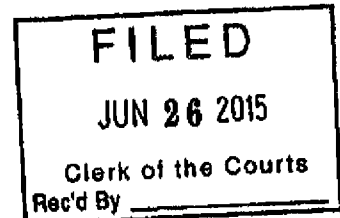
The Board of Professional Responsibility filed a Petition for Discipline against Mr. Minton based upon thirteen (13) complaints of ethical misconduct alleging lack of diligence, lack of communication, abandonment of practice, failure to appear in court for several cases, negligence, accepting fees and then failing to provide adequate legal services, contempt of court, misuse of his trust account causing overdrafts in his trust account on multiple occasions, and failure to notify clients of his temporary suspension entered June 14, 2013. Mr. Minton entered into a Conditional Guilty Plea which was approved by a Hearing Panel and the Tennessee Supreme Court for violations of Rules of Professional Conduct: 1.1, Competence; 1.3, Diligence; 1.4(a) and (b), Communication; 1.5(a)(b) and (f), Fees; 1.15(a), Safekeeping Property; 1.16(d), Terminating Representation; 3.2, Expediting Litigation; 3.4(c) and (d), Fairness to Opposing Party and Counsel; 8.1(b), Bar Admission and Disciplinary Matters; and 8.4(a)-(g), Misconduct.

Mr. Minton must comply with the requirements of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Sections 28 and 30 regarding the obligations and responsibilities of a suspended attorney and the procedure for reinstatement.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE

IN RE: GREGORY WAYNE MINTON, BPR #15584
An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee
(Gibson County)

No. M2015-01172-SC-BAR-BP
BOPR No. 2014-2294-7-KH



ORDER OF ENFORCEMENT

This matter is before the Court upon a Petition for Discipline filed against Gregory Wayne Minton on January 31, 2014; Answer to Petition for Discipline filed by Mr. Minton on February 27, 2014; upon a Conditional Guilty Plea filed by Mr. Minton on April 28, 2015; upon the Hearing Panel's Order Recommending Approval of Conditional Guilty Plea entered May 12, 2015; upon consideration and approval by the Board of Professional Responsibility on June 12, 2015; and upon the entire record in this cause.¹

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) Mr. Minton's license to practice law shall be suspended for a period of five (5) years.
2. Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 4.7 (2006) and § 12.7 (2014), Mr. Minton shall be required to make restitution to the following individuals. Payment of restitution is a condition precedent to reinstatement. In the event restitution is made by the Tennessee Lawyer's Fund for Client Protection ("TLFCP"), Mr. Minton will be responsible for reimbursement to the TLFCP of the same amount:
 - (a) David Herron: \$2,500.00
 - (b) Oscar Sierra: \$5,000.00

¹This case includes matters initiated before the Board prior to January 1, 2014 and after January 1, 2014. Therefore, the 2006 version of Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9 is applicable except where otherwise noted.

- (c) Rebecca Reed: \$4,000.00
 - (d) Tanya Godwin: \$400.00
 - (e) Hans Massaquoi: \$1,000.00
3. Additionally, Mr. Minton shall comply in all aspects with Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, §§ 18 (2006), 28 (2014) and 30.4 (2014) regarding the obligations and responsibilities of suspended attorneys and the procedure for reinstatement. Prior to seeking reinstatement, Mr. Minton must meet all CLE requirements and pay any outstanding registration fees including those due from the date of this suspension until the date of reinstatement.
 4. Further, the Order of Temporary Suspension entered on June 14, 2013, in Case No. M2013-01359-SC-BPR-BP is hereby dissolved.
 5. Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, §§ 24.3 (2006) and 31.3 (2014), Mr. Minton shall pay to the Board of Professional Responsibility the expenses and costs of this matter in the amount of \$1,186.40 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.
 6. 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) and 28.11 (2014).

PER CURIAM