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THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE

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IN RE:

KRISTEN E. MORRELL,

BPR NO. 22994, RESPONDENT

An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee

(Sullivan County)

DOCKET NO. 2010-1960-1-CM

ORDER OF HEARING PANEL

This cause came to be heard before a Hearing Panel on January 19, 2011, at the Hamblen County Courthouse. Notice of the Hearing was served on Respondent, Kristen Morrell, on December 14, 2010. After receiving evidence and argument from Disciplinary Counsel, the Panel finds as follows:

The allegations having been deemed admitted by default, and guided by the ABA Standards for Imposing Lawyer Discipline, Sections 4.42 and 7.2, the Panel imposes the following sanction.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUGED and DECREED that:

- 1. Respondent shall be suspended for one (1) year, to run concurrent with the suspension now in effect for Respondent for CLE non-compliance and failure to pay annual Board of Professional Responsibility fees. This suspension will extend beyond the pre-existing suspensions should either be lifted prior to one (1) year from the date Respondent is suspended by Order of the Tennessee Supreme Court.
 - 2. Respondent shall make restitution to the complainants, as follows:

Ruth Trivett \$750

Kimberly Carter \$2,325

Crystal Puckett \$500

James Johnson \$485

3. Proof of Respondent's restitution as set out in paragraph 2, above, shall be a prerequisite to Respondent's reinstatement to the active practice of law.

4. Upon Respondent's reinstatement to the active practice of law, Respondent shall remain on probation for one (1) year, during which time Respondent shall engage a law practice monitor, approved by the Board of Professional Responsibility, who will provide monthly reports about Respondent's law practice to the Board of Professional Responsibility, during the one (1) year probation period.

5. Respondent shall undergo an evaluation by the Tennessee Lawyers Assistance Program (TLAP) within ninety (90) days of resuming the active practice of law. The results of that evaluation will remain confidential. Any additional contact with or association between Respondent and TLAP shall be strictly confidential unless Respondent waives confidentiality as to the Board of Professional Responsibility.

ENTERED ON THIS, THE DAY OF JANUARY, 2011.

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