

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE  
AT NASHVILLE

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**IN RE: KRISTEN E. MORRELL, BPR #22994**  
An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee  
(Sullivan County)

APPELLATE COURT CLERK  
NASHVILLE

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NO. M2011-00846-SC-BPR-BP  
BOPR No. 2010-1960-1-CM

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**ORDER OF ENFORCEMENT**

This matter is before the Court upon a Petition for Discipline filed on August 20, 2010 by the Board of Professional Responsibility ("Board") against Kristen E. Morrell ("Respondent"); upon an Amended Petition for Discipline filed on September 14, 2010; upon a Motion for Default Judgment and That Allegations Contained in the Amended Petition for Discipline Be Deemed Admitted filed by the Board on November 9, 2010; upon an Order of Default entered on December 22, 2010; upon a hearing held January 19, 2011; upon Order of Hearing Panel entered on February 3, 2011; upon service of the Order on Respondent sent by the Board on February 4, 2011; upon expiration of the time to appeal with no appeal taken; upon consideration and approval by the Board on March 11, 2011; and upon the entire record in this cause.

From all of which the Court approves the Order of Hearing Panel and adopts the judgment of the Hearing Panel as the Court's Order.

Respondent was suspended for noncompliance with continuing legal education on September 7, 2010. She was also suspended on October 25, 2010 for failure to pay annual registration fees to the Board. To date, Respondent has not requested, nor been granted, reinstatement.

It is therefore, **ORDERED, ADJUDGED** and **DECREED** by the Court that:

1. Respondent, Kristen E. Morrell, shall be and is hereby suspended from the practice of law for one (1) year pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 4.2.
2. Pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 4.7, Respondent shall pay restitution in the following amounts. Payment of restitution shall be a condition precedent to reinstatement.

- a) Ruth Trivett - \$750.00
- b) Ki mberly Carter - \$2,325.00
- c) Crystal Puckett - \$500.00
- d) Ja mes Johnson - \$485.00

3. In the event that Respondent is granted reinstatement pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 19, Respondent shall be placed on probation for one (1) year. Further, Respondent shall engage a practice monitor who will provide monthly reports to the Board. Finally, Respondent shall undergo an evaluation by the Tennessee Lawyer Assistance Program within ninety (90) days of reinstatement, the results of which shall remain confidential.

4. This suspension shall become effective ten (10) days after the filing of this Order.

5. Respondent was suspended for noncompliance with continuing legal education on September 7, 2010. She was also suspended on October 25, 2010 for failure to pay annual registration fees to the Board. To date, Respondent has not requested, nor been granted, reinstatement. Therefore, the entry of this Order does not affect the continuing validity of the prior suspensions.

6. Respondent shall comply in all aspects with Supreme Court Rule 9, Sections 18 and 19 regarding the obligations and responsibilities of suspended attorneys and the procedure for reinstatement.

7. Pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 24.3, the Respondent shall pay to the Board of Professional Responsibility the expenses and costs of this matter in the amount of \$420.90 and in addition, 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.

8. The Board shall cause notice of this suspension to be published as required by Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 18.10.

FOR THE COURT:

Cornelia A. Clark  
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CHIEF JUSTICE