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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: KRISTEN E. MORRELL, BPR #22994
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SULLIVAN COUNTY LAWYER REINSTATED

On December 16, 2015, the Supreme Court of Tennessee reinstated Kristen E. Morrell to the practice of law. Ms. Morrell was suspended from the practice of law for one (1) year by the Tennessee Supreme Court and ordered to pay restitution to four (4) former clients by the Supreme Court of Tennessee on April 15, 2011. A Hearing Panel determined that Ms. Morrell failed to appear in court on behalf of clients, and abandoned her practice shortly after accepting fees from new clients. On April 7, 2015, Ms. Morrell filed a Petition for Reinstatement to the practice of law and a hearing was held before a Hearing Panel on June 25, 2015.

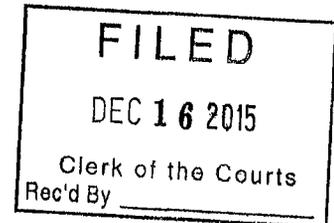
The Hearing Panel found that Ms. Morrell complied with the terms and conditions of her suspension, and further found that she had demonstrated the moral qualifications, competency and learning in the law required for the practice of law, and that her resumption of the practice of law will not be detrimental to the integrity or standing of the bar or administration of justice, or subversive to the public interest. Based upon the Hearing Panel's recommendation, the Supreme Court reinstated Ms. Morrell's license to practice law.

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE

IN RE: KRISTEN E. MORRELL, BPR #22994
(Sullivan County)

No. M2011-00846-SC-BPO-BP
BOPR No. 2015-2438-1-AJ(30.4d)



ORDER OF REINSTATEMENT

This matter is before the Court, pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 30.4(d), upon a Petition for Reinstatement filed on April 7, 2015, by the Petitioner, Kristen E. Morrell. Ms. Morrell was suspended from the practice of law by Order of this Court on April 15, 2011, for a period of one (1) year. On July 10, 2015, the Hearing Panel entered its Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law recommending that Ms. Morrell be reinstated with conditions. The Judgment of the Hearing Panel was considered and approved by the Board on August 4, 2015.

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

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

1. The Petitioner, Kristen E. Morrell, is hereby reinstated to the practice of law in the State of Tennessee pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 30.4(d), subject to the following conditions:

- a. Ms. Morrell is to continue with her Tennessee Lawyer Assistance Program Monitoring Agreement;
- b. Ms. Morrell shall engage, at her expense, a practice monitor approved by the Board for a period of two (2) years. In the event Ms. Morrell does not resume the practice of law immediately upon reinstatement, she is to inform Disciplinary Counsel when she intends to return to the practice of law, and submit three (3) names of potential practice monitors to the Board for final approval. Pursuant to Rule 9, § 12.9(c), the practice monitor shall meet monthly with Ms. Morrell to review and monitor her law practice activities and provide monthly reports to the Board.

c. Ms. Morrell shall continue her efforts to locate her former client to whom she owes restitution. Within thirty (30) days of engaging a practice monitor, Ms. Morrell shall deposit the sum of \$2,325.00 in the trust account of the practice monitor which amount represents the unpaid restitution. The funds shall be subject to T.C.A. § 66-29-101, et. seq, (Uniform Disposition of Unclaimed Property Act).

2. Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 24.3, Ms. Morrell shall pay to the Board of Professional Responsibility the expenses and costs of this matter in the amount of \$560.00, 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.

3. The Board of Professional Responsibility shall cause notice of this reinstatement to be published as required by Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 28.11.

PER CURIAM