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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: JOHN ALLEN MURPHY, JR., BPR #019146
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January 22, 2013

BRADLEY COUNTY LAWYER CENSURED

On January 22, 2013, John Allen Murphy, Jr. of Cleveland, Tennessee, was publicly censured by the Tennessee Supreme Court pursuant to Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 4.4.

Mr. Murphy was administratively suspended on June 14, 2011, for failing to comply with his mandatory IOLTA reporting requirements. During his temporary suspension, Mr. Murphy filed pleadings on behalf of several clients with the courts in Bradley County. Mr. Murphy was reinstated to the practice of law on July 25, 2011.

By these acts, John Allen Murphy, Jr. has violated Rule of Professional Conduct 5.5(a) (unauthorized practice of law) and is hereby publicly censured for this violation.

A public censure is a rebuke and warning to the attorney, but it does not affect the attorney's ability to practice law.

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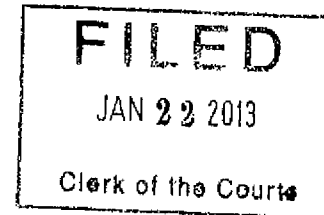
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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE

IN RE JOHN ALLEN MURPHY, JR., BPR #019146
An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee
(Bradley County)

No. M2013-00160-SC-BPR-BP

BOPR No. 2012-2119-3-KB



ORDER OF ENFORCEMENT

This matter is before the Court upon a Petition for Discipline filed by the Board of Professional Responsibility against John Allen Murphy, Jr. on May 14, 2012; upon Mr. Murphy's failure to timely file an Answer to the Petition for Discipline and the Board's filing of a Motion for Default Judgment against him on July 3, 2012; upon an Order of Default Judgment filed by the Hearing Panel July 26, 2012; upon a Motion to Set Aside Default Judgment filed by Mr. Murphy on September 14, 2012; upon a default hearing held September 14, 2012; upon an Order Setting Aside Motion for Default filed by the Hearing Panel September 18, 2012; upon a Second Motion for Default filed by the Board October 3, 2012; upon a Notice of Hearing filed by the Hearing Panel October 19, 2012; upon the execution and filing of a Conditional Guilty Plea by Mr. Murphy on December 20, 2012; upon an Order Recommending Approval of Conditional Guilty Plea filed by the Hearing Panel December 20, 2012; upon the Board's approval of the Hearing Panel's recommendation on December 26, 2012; and upon the entire record in this cause.

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

It is, therefore, ordered, adjudged and decreed by the Court that:

1. John Allen Murphy, Jr. shall be and is hereby publicly censured pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 4.4.
2. Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 24.3, Mr. Murphy shall pay to the Board of Professional Responsibility the expenses and costs of this matter in the amount of \$1,104.64, 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.

3. The Board shall cause notice of this Public Censure to be published as required by Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 18.10.

FOR THE COURT:

Cornelia A. Clark
CORNELIA A. CLARK, JUSTICE