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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: ADAM WILDING PARRISH, BPR #21917
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WILSON COUNTY LAWYER PLACED ON PROBATION

On July 30, 2014, Adam Wilding Parrish of Lebanon, Tennessee, was suspended from the practice of law for one (1) year with said suspension to be served on probation by Order of the Tennessee Supreme Court. Mr. Parrish must pay the Board's costs and expenses and the court costs within ninety days of the entry of the Order of Enforcement.

A Petition for Discipline was filed on December 18, 2013, based upon two complaints of alleged misconduct by Mr. Parrish. In the first matter, Mr. Parrish was retained to appeal a criminal conviction but failed to file the appropriate documents to perfect the appeal. In the second complaint, Mr. Parrish was retained to represent the wife in a divorce. Mr. Parrish prepared the appropriate paperwork to file the divorce; however, prior to filing the divorce, Mr. Parrish received information from the husband that the parties had reconciled. Mr. Parrish did not confirm the reconciliation with his client or inform her that the divorce complaint was not filed. The wife inquired of Mr. Parrish's office staff concerning the progress of the divorce, and the staff led her to believe the divorce was proceeding. Approximately one (1) year later, the wife discovered the divorce complaint had not been filed. In mitigation, Mr. Parrish obtained a divorce for the client after being informed the parties never reconciled.

Mr. Parrish entered a conditional guilty plea admitting his misconduct. Mr. Parrish's actions violated Tennessee Rules of Professional Conduct 1.1 (competence); 1.3 (diligence); 1.4 (communication) and 3.2 (expediting litigation).

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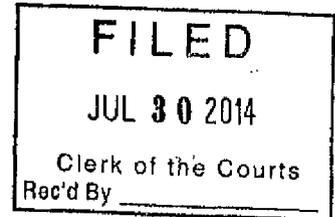
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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE

IN RE: ADAM WILDING PARRISH, BPR #21917

An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee
(Wilson County)

No. M2014-01446-SC-BAR-BP
BOPR No. 2013-2277-4-AW



ORDER OF ENFORCEMENT

This matter is before the Court upon a Petition for Discipline filed against Adam Wilding Parrish on December 18, 2013; upon Respondent's First Answer to Petition for Discipline filed by Mr. Parrish on January 21, 2014; upon entry of a Conditional Guilty Plea tendered by Mr. Parrish on June 9, 2014; upon an Order Recommending Approval of Conditional Guilty Plea entered on June 16, 2014; upon consideration and approval of the Plea by the Board on June 18, 2014; upon entry of an Amended Conditional Guilty Plea modifying the costs and expenses of the Board on July 14, 2014; 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, ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED BY THE COURT THAT:

(1) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 4.2, Adam Wilding Parrish is suspended for one (1) year. However, pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 8.5 (2006), the suspension shall be fully probated subject to the following conditions:

- (a) Mr. Parrish, at his cost, shall engage the services of a Practice Monitor who shall be selected and approved in accordance with Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.9 (c) (2014). The Practice Monitor shall (a) assess Mr. Parrish's billing and office management procedures, including his trust account, and institute changes as needed; (b) meet with Mr. Parrish monthly to review

¹Because this cause was initiated prior to January 1, 2014, it is governed by Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9 (2006).

basic office practices to ensure case deadlines are being scheduled and met; (c) meet with Mr. Parrish monthly to review the timeliness and adequacy of communication with clients; (d) mentor Mr. Parrish as needed in the legal customs learned through experience and the exercise of sound and reasoned judgment; (e) speak with Mr. Parrish by telephone at least weekly and report any substantial or material practice problem to the Board; and (f) provide a written report of Mr. Parrish's progress to Disciplinary Counsel for the Board on a monthly basis; and

- (b) Mr. Parrish shall not, during the period of probation, incur any new complaints of misconduct that relate to conduct occurring during the period of suspension and probation and result in a recommendation by the Board that discipline be imposed. In the event that Mr. Parrish violates or otherwise fails to meet said condition of probation, Disciplinary Counsel shall be authorized to file a petition to revoke Mr. Parrish's probation, and upon a finding that revocation is warranted, Mr. Parrish shall serve the previously deferred period of suspension.

(2) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 18.5, this Order shall be effective ten (10) days after the date of entry.

(3) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 24.3, Mr. Parrish shall pay to the Board of Professional Responsibility the expenses and costs of this matter in the amount of \$1,563.56 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.

(4) The Board of Professional Responsibility shall cause notice of this discipline to be published as required by Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 18.10.

FOR THE COURT:

Cornelia A. Clark
CORNELIA A. CLARK, JUSTICE