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NASHVILLE LAWYER SUSPENDED

On April 18, 2012, the Supreme Court of Tennessee issued an Order suspending Matthew Fort Mayo from the practice of law for one (1) year, retroactive to January 31, 2011. At present, Mr. Mayo is also suspended for noncompliance with Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 43, Section 14 regarding certification of an IOLTA account and for noncompliance with continuing legal education.

The Board of Professional Responsibility filed two (2) Petitions for Discipline against Mr. Mayo pursuant to Rule 9 of the Rules of the Supreme Court of Tennessee encompassing three (3) complaints of disciplinary misconduct. The Petitions were consolidated for hearing due to the similarity of the complaints, and Mr. Mayo entered into a Conditional Guilty Plea. Mr. Mayo failed to respond to the Board concerning a complaint of misconduct. He failed to timely file the transcript and record with the appellate court despite being granted an extension. He also failed to timely file a brief and failed to properly serve it on the opposing party. Finally, Mr. Mayo failed to appear for a client's sentencing hearings.

His actions violate the following Rule(s) of Professional Conduct: 1.3, Diligence; 3.2, Expediting Litigation; 8.1(b), Bar Admission and Disciplinary Matters; and 8.4(a) and (d) Misconduct.

Mr. Mayo must comply with the requirements of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Sections 18 and 19, should he seek reinstatement of his Tennessee law license and he may not resume practice until reinstated by further order of the Court.

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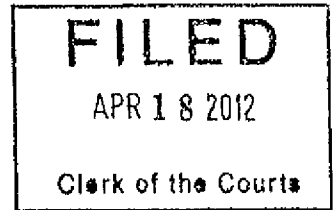
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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE

IN RE MATTHEW FORT MAYO, BPR #020872
An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee
(Davidson County)



No. M2012-00714-SC-BPR-BP
BOPR Nos. 2010-1983-5-KH; 2011-2006-5-KH(4.3); 2011-2036-5-KH

ORDER OF ENFORCEMENT

This matter is before the Court upon a Petition for Discipline filed October 27, 2010 in Docket No. 2010-1983-5-KH by the Board of Professional Responsibility ("Board") against Matthew Fort Mayo; upon a Motion for Default Judgment and That Allegations Contained in Petition for Discipline Be Admitted filed by the Board on January 4, 2011; upon an Order of Default Judgment entered by the Hearing Panel on April 1, 2011; upon a second Petition for Discipline, Docket No. 2011-2036-5-KH, filed by the Board against Mr. Mayo on April 19, 2011; upon Answer to the Petition for Discipline in Docket No. 2011-2036-5-KH filed by Mr. Mayo on August 18, 2011; upon a Motion to Alter or Amend Order of Default filed by Mr. Mayo on August 18, 2011; upon the Board's Response to the Motion to Alter or Amend filed on August 26, 2011; upon a Reply to the Board's Response to the Motion to Alter or Amend filed by Mr. Mayo on August 29, 2011; upon Motion to Consolidate filed by the Board on September 19, 2011; upon an Order by the Hearing Panel setting aside the April 1, 2011 Order of Default and consolidating the dockets entered on December 21, 2011; upon entry of a Conditional Guilty Plea filed by Mr. Mayo on January 10, 2012; upon an Order Recommending Approval of Conditional Guilty Plea entered on January 17, 2012; upon consideration and approval by the Board at its meeting on March 9, 2012; and upon the entire record in this cause.

From all of which the Court approves the recommendation of the Hearing Panel and accepts the Conditional Guilty Plea.

By Order entered on January 31, 2011 (M2011-00231-SC-BPR-BP), Mr. Mayo was temporarily suspended from the practice of law for failure to respond to a disciplinary complaint. On June 14, 2011, he was suspended for noncompliance with Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 43, §14 regarding certification of an IOLTA account. He was also suspended on August 31, 2011 for noncompliance with continuing legal education. To date, Mr. Mayo has not requested, nor been granted, reinstatement.

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

1. Matthew Fort Mayo is hereby suspended from the practice of law for one (1) year pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 4.2, with the suspension being retroactive to January 31, 2011.

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

3. Mr. Mayo shall comply in all aspects with Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 18 and §19 regarding the obligations and responsibilities of suspended attorneys. Mr. Mayo must meet all CLE requirements and all registration requirements prior to reinstatement.

4. Upon entry of this Order, the Order of Temporary Suspension entered on January 31, 2011 (M2011-00231-SC-BPR-BP) is hereby dissolved.

5. Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 24.3, Mr. Mayo shall pay to the Board of Professional Responsibility the expenses and costs of this matter in the amount of \$2,270.00 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.

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

FOR THE COURT:



WILLIAM C. KOCH, JR., JUSTICE