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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: WILLIAM NEWTON, BPR# 6197
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September 29, 2010

MEMPHIS LAWYER SUSPENDED

On September 24, 2010, William Newton of Memphis, Tennessee, was suspended by the Tennessee Supreme Court for a period of one (1) year, retroactive eleven (11) months from the date of the Court's Order, pursuant to Rule 9, Section 4.2, of the Rules of the Supreme Court.

Mr. Newton failed to respond to the Petition for Discipline filed against him and the allegations in the Petition were deemed admitted. Mr. Newton violated disciplinary rules by failing to respond to the requests of Disciplinary Counsel, making misleading statements to the Court and failing to abide by Court orders. Mr. Newton's actions violated Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 8, Rules of Professional Conduct 3.3 (Candor Toward the Tribunal), 3.4 (Fairness to Opposing Party and Counsel), 8.1 (Bar Admission and Disciplinary Matters) and 8.4 (Misconduct).

Mr. Newton was further ordered to pay the expenses and costs of the disciplinary proceedings against him, pursuant to Rule 9, Section 4.7, of the Rules of the Supreme Court and fully comply in all respects with the requirements and obligations of suspended attorneys as set forth in Rule 9, Section 18.1 of the Rules of the Supreme Court.

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IN RE: WILLIAM NEWTON, BPR # 6197

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

No. M2010-02012-SC-BPR-RP
BOPR No. 2009-1834-9-RS

ORDER OF ENFORCEMENT

This matter is before the Court upon a Petition for Discipline filed by Disciplinary Counsel against Respondent, William Newton, on August 17, 2009; upon an Order Granting Default Judgment and Deeming Facts Admitted entered by the Hearing Panel on October 30, 2009; upon the Findings and Judgment of the Hearing Panel entered on July 6, 2010; upon the Board's approval of the Findings and Judgment of the Hearing Panel on July 28, 2010; and upon the entire record in this cause.

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

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

1. That the Respondent, William Newton, shall be suspended for one (1) year, retroactive eleven (11) months from the date of this Order, pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 4.2.

2. By Order entered on January 12, 2009, Mr. Newton was temporarily suspended from the practice of law for failing to respond to a disciplinary complaint made against him. Mr. Newton may seek reinstatement from this Order and the January 12, 2009 temporary suspension at the completion of the suspension imposed by this Order. The entry of this Order does not affect the continuing validity of the temporary suspension.

3. That, 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 \$1,475.99 and in addition, shall pay to the Clerk of this Court the costs incurred herein, within ninety (90) days from the entry of this order, for all of which execution may issue if necessary.

4. That the Respondent shall comply in all aspects with Rule 9, §18 of the Rules of the Supreme Court regarding the obligations and responsibilities of suspended attorneys.

5. That the Board of Professional Responsibility shall cause notice of this discipline to be published as required by Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 18.10.

FOR THE COURT:

Cornelia A. Clark
CORNELIA A. CLARK
CHIEF JUSTICE

Michael W. Catalano, Clerk, hereby certify that this is a true and exact copy of the original filed in the cause.

This 29 day of Sept. 20 10
CLERK OF COURT

By: Michael W. Catalano