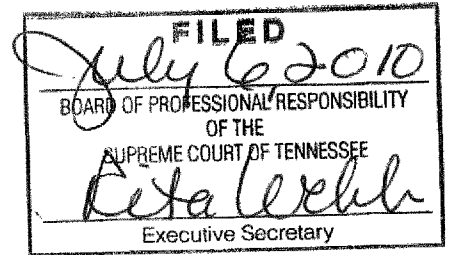


IN THE DISCIPLINARY DISTRICT
OF THE
BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY
OF THE
SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE



IN RE:

William Newton, BPR #6197

DOCKET NO. M2009-00032-SC-BPR-BP

JUDGMENT OF THE HEARING COMMITTEE

This cause came to be heard by the Hearing Committee of the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Supreme Court of Tennessee on June 24, 2010. The cause was heard pursuant to Rule 9 of the Rules of the Tennessee Supreme Court. The Hearing Committee, Michael E. Keency, Chair, Robert Wilson Jones and Kathleen N. Gomes, make the following findings of fact and submits its judgment in this cause as follows.

I. STATEMENT OF THE CASE

1. A Petition for Discipline was filed in this case on August 17, 2009 charging the respondent with violation of Disciplinary Rules.
2. Respondent failed to answer the Complaint within the time frame required by the Rules.
3. Respondent was temporarily suspended on January 12, 2009 and has remained suspended since that date.
4. On December 16, 2009, the Hearing Panel, granted the Board's Motion for Default Judgment and to Dccm Facts Admitted.
5. Respondent attempted to file a late response to the Petition for Discipline. On March 22, 2010, the Chairman of the Board of Professional Responsibility for the Supreme

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Court of Tennessee denied Respondent's request to file late response to the Petition for Discipline.

6. The allegations in the Petition for Discipline are therefore deemed admitted.

II. FINDINGS OF FACT AND JUDGMENT

The Petitioner argues that the Respondent violated Rules 3.3, 3.4, and 8.1. These allegations are deemed admitted as the default judgment entered in this case was not set aside. After having heard the testimony of witnesses, arguments of counsel, and exhibits provided, it is the conclusion of the Hearing Committee that the Respondent shall be suspended for a period of one (1) year from the practice of law. The Respondent has been temporarily suspended since January 12, 2009. Therefore, the Hearing Panel orders that the Respondent's one year suspension be retroactive to eleven (11) months prior to the date of this Order. The Respondent's suspension will end thirty (30) days after entry of this Order. The Hearing Panel further orders that a condition of suspension of that during the final thirty (30) days of the Respondent's suspension, he submits to an evaluation by the Tennessee Lawyers Assistance Program and abide by the recommendation of the evaluation. Respondent will then be eligible to seek reinstatement.

Finally, the Hearing Panel orders the Respondent's temporary suspension be dissolved.

This 6 day of July, 2010.

Michael E. Keeney w/permission
Michael E. Keeney, Committee Chairman *dpw*

Robert Wilson Jones w/permission
Robert Wilson Jones, Committee Member

Kathleen N. Gomes w/permission
Kathleen N. Gomes, Committee Member