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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: GREGORY SCOTT NORRIS, BPR #034373
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CARTER COUNTY LAWYER DISBARRED

Effective August 22, 2019, the Supreme Court of Tennessee disbarred Gregory Scott Norris from the practice of law and ordered him to pay restitution to eight (8) former clients, totaling \$17,360.00. Mr. Norris must pay the Board's costs and expenses and the court costs in the disciplinary proceeding within ninety days of the entry of the Order of Enforcement. On January 26, 2018, Mr. Norris was temporarily suspended by the Supreme Court which suspension is hereby dissolved.

After a trial on the merits, a Hearing Panel found that Mr. Norris failed to appear in court on numerous occasions, stopped corresponding with opposing attorneys, made incoherent arguments in court, took fees from clients for which he did little to no work, failed to advise clients of his temporary suspension, failed to communicate, failed to return files, and abandoned numerous client matters.

Mr. Norris' ethical misconduct violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.1 (Competence); 1.3 (Diligence); 1.4 (Communication); 1.5 (Fees); 1.15 (Safekeeping Property and Funds); 1.16(d) (Declining or Terminating Representation); 3.2 (Expediting Litigation); 8.1(b) (Disciplinary Matters); and 8.4(a), (d) and (g) (Misconduct).

Mr. Norris must comply with the requirements of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Sections 28 and 30.4, regarding the obligations and responsibilities of disbarred attorneys and may not return to the active practice of law until an order of reinstatement has been entered by the Supreme Court.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE

IN RE: GREGORY SCOTT NORRIS, BPR #034373
An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee
(Carter County)

No. M2019-01426-SC-BAR-BP
BOPR No. 2018-2894-1-AJ

ORDER OF ENFORCEMENT

This matter is before the Court upon a Petition for Discipline filed against Gregory Scott Norris on August 3, 2018; upon a Supplemental Petition for Discipline filed against Mr. Norris on November 19, 2018; upon a Motion for Default Judgment and That Charges in Petition for Discipline and Supplemental Petition for Discipline Be Deemed Admitted filed against Mr. Norris on February 22, 2019; upon an Order for Default Judgment entered against Mr. Norris on March 19, 2019; upon the Findings and Judgment of the Hearing Panel entered on May 1, 2019; upon the letter dated May 1, 2019 by the Executive Secretary of the Board forwarding the Findings and Judgment of the Hearing Panel to Mr. Norris; upon the Hearing Panel's Findings and Judgment for Assessment of Costs entered on May 29, 2019; upon the letter dated May 29, 2019 by the Executive Secretary of the Board forwarding the Findings and Judgment for Assessment of Costs to Mr. Norris; upon expiration of the appeal period with no appeal taken; and upon the entire record in this cause.

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

On January 26, 2018, Mr. Norris was temporarily suspended by this Court pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.3 (M2018-00165-SC-BAR-BP). To date, Mr. Norris has not requested, nor been granted reinstatement.

IT IS, THEREFORE, CONSIDERED, ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED BY THE COURT THAT:

(1) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.1, Gregory Scott Norris is disbarred from the practice of law.

(2) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.7, and as a condition precedent to any reinstatement, Mr. Norris shall make restitution to the following clients:

a)	Emilee Townsend	\$1,500.00
b)	Carl and Nancy Ballard	\$650.00
c)	Kimberly Hammer	\$5,000.00
d)	Dana Baird	\$6,000.00
e)	John Burton	\$750.00
f)	Jonathan Caldwell	\$750.00
g)	Jeremy Clarke	\$2,250.00
h)	Angie Fox	\$460.00

Mr. Norris shall furnish to the Board of Professional Responsibility proof of restitution. In the event restitution is made by the Tennessee Lawyer's Fund for Client Protection (TLFCP), Mr. Norris shall reimburse TLFCP in the same amount.

(3) Mr. Norris shall comply in all aspects with Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, §§ 28 and 30.4, regarding the obligations and responsibilities of disbarred attorneys and the procedure for reinstatement.

(4) Prior to seeking reinstatement, Mr. Norris must meet all CLE requirements; have remitted all outstanding registration fees and outstanding professional privilege taxes, including those due from the date of this disbarment until the date of reinstatement; and have remitted all court costs and Board costs in this matter.

(5) Further, the Order of Temporary Suspension entered on January 26, 2018, in M2018-00165-SC-BAR-BP is hereby dissolved.

(6) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 28.1, this Order shall be effective immediately.

(7) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 31.3, Mr. Norris shall pay to the Board of Professional Responsibility the expenses and costs of this matter in the amount of \$3,326.67 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.

(8) The Board of Professional Responsibility shall cause notice of this discipline to be published as required by Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 28.11.

PER CURIAM