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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: GREGORY SCOTT NORRIS, BPR #034373
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BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY
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March 13, 2020

CARTER COUNTY LAWYER DISBARRED

Effective March 13, 2020, the Supreme Court of Tennessee disbarred Gregory Scott Norris from the practice of law and ordered him to pay restitution to six (6) former clients, totaling \$6,000.00. 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.

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); 1.16(d) (termination of representation); 3.2 (expediting litigation); 8.1 (disciplinary matters); 8.4(a) (misconduct), (d) conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice) and (g) violating the obligations of a court order).

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

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Appellate Courts

IN RE: GREGORY SCOTT NORRIS, BPR #034373

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

No. M2020-00402-SC-BAR-BP

BOPR No. 2019-2974-1-JM

ORDER OF ENFORCEMENT

This matter is before the Court upon a Petition for Discipline filed against Gregory Scott Norris on February 25, 2019; upon a Supplemental Petition for Discipline filed on March 21, 2019; upon a Second Supplemental Petition for Discipline filed on July 8, 2019; upon a Motion for Default Judgment and That Charges in Petition for Discipline Be Deemed Admitted filed on September 25, 2019; upon the Order for Default Judgment entered on October 16, 2019; upon the hearing in this matter on November 6, 2019; upon the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law entered on November 25, 2019; upon the filing of the Application of Assessment of Costs on November 26, 2019; upon the Findings and Judgment for Assessment of Costs entered on December 18, 2019; and upon the approval of the Board of Professional Responsibility on February 10, 2020; 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 the Order of the Hearing Panel and adopts the Hearing Panel's Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Judgment as the Court's Order.

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

(1) Gregory Scott Norris is disbarred pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.1. As a condition of reinstatement to the practice of law, Mr. Norris shall pay restitution as set below:

Mitchell and Cheryl Fishlowitz - \$1,250.00

William Carrier - \$1,250.00

John C. Seth Holtsclaw - \$1,500.00

Joleen Lash - \$500.00

Stanley Blair - \$1,000.00

Billy Ray Cole - \$500.00

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

(3) Additionally, 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) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 28.1, this Order shall be effective upon entry.

(5) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 31.3(d), Mr. Norris shall pay to the Board of Professional Responsibility the expenses and costs of this matter in the amount of \$1,949.70 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.

(6) 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