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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: PHILIP JOSEPH PEREZ, BPR #021920
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June 20, 2022

DAVIDSON COUNTY LAWYER DISBARRED

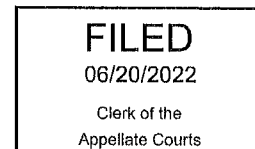
Effective June 20, 2022, the Supreme Court of Tennessee permanently disbarred Philip Joseph Perez from the practice of law pursuant to Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 12.1, and ordered Mr. Perez to pay \$2,258.33 in costs incurred to the Board of Professional Responsibility.

The Hearing Panel determined Mr. Perez received retainer fees but failed to provide services; failed to file complaints; misled clients to believe their complaints had been filed; failed to appear for scheduled hearings and motions; failed to return unearned retainer fees; failed to notify clients of his suspension from the practice of law, and that the actions of Mr. Perez were done knowingly and warranted permanent disbarment.

The Hearing Panel found Mr. Perez's actions and omissions violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.3 (diligence), 1.4 (communication), 1.5 (fees), 1.6 (confidentiality of information), 1.15 (safekeeping of property and funds), 1.16 (declining or terminating representation), 3.2 (expediting litigation), 3.4 (fairness to opposing party and counsel), 8.1 (bar admission and disciplinary matters), and 8.4 (misconduct).

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE



IN RE: PHILIP JOSEPH PEREZ BPR #021920
An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee
(Davidson County)

No. M2022-00770-SC-BAR-BP
BOPR No. 2020-3100-5-BL

ORDER OF ENFORCEMENT

This matter is before the Court upon a Petition for Discipline filed against Philip Joseph Perez on July 3, 2020; upon a Supplemental Petition for Discipline filed on September 2, 2020; upon a Motion for Default Judgment and that Charges in Petition for Discipline be Deemed Admitted filed on October 20, 2020; upon an Order Granting Default Judgment entered on November 11, 2020; upon service of the Order Granting Default Judgment on Mr. Perez by the Executive Secretary of the Board on December 2, 2021; upon Second Supplemental Petition for Discipline filed on January 29, 2021; upon Third Supplemental Petition for Discipline filed on April 16, 2021; upon a Motion for Default Judgment and that Charges in Petition for Discipline be Deemed Admitted as to Supplemental Petitions Two and Three filed on November 16, 2021; upon an Order of Default Judgment as to Supplemental Petitions Two and Three entered December 1, 2021; upon service of the Order of Default Judgment on Mr. Perez by the Executive Secretary of the Board on March 2, 2022; upon hearing to determine final discipline on February 2, 2022; upon Judgment of the Hearing Panel entered March 2, 2022; upon service of the Judgment of the Hearing Panel on Mr. Perez by the Executive Secretary of the Board on March 2, 2022; upon the Board of Professional Responsibility's Application for Assessment of Cost filed March 14, 2022; upon Findings and Judgment for Assessment of Costs entered March 31, 2022; upon service of the Findings and Judgment for Assessment of Costs on Mr. Perez by the Executive Secretary of the Board on March 31, 2022; 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 Judgment as the Court's Order.

On January 27, 2020, Mr. Perez was temporarily suspended by this Court pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.3 (Case No. M2020-00138-SC-BPR-BP). To date, Mr. Perez

has not requested nor been granted reinstatement.

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

(1) Mr. Perez is permanently disbarred from the practice of law pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9 § 12.1.

(2) Mr. Perez shall comply in all aspects with Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 28 regarding the obligations and responsibilities of disbarred attorneys.

(3) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 31.3(d), Mr. Perez shall pay to the Board of Professional Responsibility the expenses and costs incurred to date by the Board in this matter in the amount of \$2,258.33 which includes an assessed \$100.00 for the cost of filing this matter, and shall pay to the Clerk of this Court the court costs incurred herein. All costs, fees, and expenses awarded or assessed herein shall be paid within ninety (90) days of the entry of this Order, for which execution, if necessary, may issue.

(4) The Order of Temporary Suspension entered January 27, 2020 (Case No. M2020-00138-SC-BPR-BP) is hereby dissolved.

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

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

PER CURIAM