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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: STEPHEN KENNETH PERRY, BPR #022540
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October 2, 2020

TENNESSEE LAWYER SUSPENDED

On October 2, 2020, the Tennessee Supreme Court suspended Stephen Kenneth Perry of Alexandria, Virginia from the practice of law for two (2) years, retroactive to the date of his January 2, 2019 temporary suspension pursuant to Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 12.2(b). As a condition of reinstatement, Mr. Perry must pay restitution to his client and undergo a Tennessee Lawyers Assistance Program evaluation. Mr. Perry must pay the Board of Professional Responsibility's costs and expenses and court costs within ninety days of the entry of the Order of Enforcement.

On July 30, 2019, the Board filed a Petition for Discipline against Mr. Perry. The Petition included one complaint of misconduct. The Hearing Panel found Mr. Perry essentially abandoned his client's case and failed to respond to the Board in violation of Rules of Professional Conduct 1.3 (diligence), 1.4 (communication), 1.5 (fees), 1.16 (terminating representation), 3.2 (expediting litigation), 8.1(b) (bar admission and disciplinary matters) and 8.4(d) (conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice).

Mr. Perry shall comply in all aspects with Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Sections 28 and 30.4, regarding the obligations and responsibilities of suspended attorneys and the procedure for reinstatement.

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE

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Appellate Courts

IN RE: STEPHEN KENNETH PERRY, BPR #022540

An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee
(Evergreen Park, IL)

No. M2020-01325-SC-BAR-BP

BOPR No. 2019-3026-0-AJ

ORDER OF ENFORCEMENT

This matter is before the Court upon a Petition for Discipline filed against Attorney Stephen Kenneth Perry on July 30, 2019; upon a Motion for Default Judgment and That Charges in Petition for Discipline Be Deemed Admitted filed on February 4, 2020; upon a Notice of Filing Corrected First Page of Motion for Default Judgment correcting the name of the aforesaid motion to Motion for Default Judgment and that the Charges in the Petition for Discipline be Deemed Admitted filed on February 5, 2020; upon an Order for Default Judgment entered on March 10, 2020; upon the Board's Pre-trial Brief filed on April 3, 2020; upon final hearing held on April 7, 2020; upon Hearing Panel Judgment entered on May 29, 2020; upon service of the Hearing Panel Judgment on Mr. Perry by the Executive Secretary of the Board on May 29, 2020; upon Findings and Judgment for Assessment of Costs entered on July 9, 2020; upon service of the Findings and Judgment for Assessment of Costs upon Mr. Perry on July 9, 2020; upon consideration and approval by the Board on June 13, 2020; upon expiration of the appeal period with no appeal taken; and upon the entire record in this cause.

On January 2, 2019, Mr. Perry was temporarily suspended by this Court pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.3 (Case No. M2018-02276-SC-BAR-BP). Mr. Perry has not requested, nor been granted, reinstatement.

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

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

- (1) Mr. Perry is suspended from the practice of law for two (2) years, retroactive to the date of his January 2, 2019, temporary suspension pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.2(b).

- (a) Mr. Perry shall contact TLAP and, if recommended by TLAP, enter into a Monitoring Agreement as defined in Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 33, Appendix A. Should Mr. Perry enter into a Monitoring Agreement, such agreement shall authorize Permitted Disclosures to the Board of Professional Responsibility as defined in Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 33, Appendix A and Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 33.07.
- (2) Mr. Perry shall make restitution in the amount of \$3,500.00 to his client.
- (3) Prior to seeking reinstatement, Mr. Perry must meet 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.
- (4) Mr. Perry shall comply in all aspects with Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, §§ 28 and 30.4 regarding the obligations and responsibilities of suspended attorneys and the procedure for reinstatement.
- (5) Further, the Order of Temporary Suspension, entered January 2, 2019, in Case No. M2018-02276-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. Perry shall pay to the Board of Professional Responsibility the expenses and costs of this matter in the amount of \$555.00 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