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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: JOHN RYAN POOLE, BPR #035782
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March 25, 2022

DAVIDSON COUNTY LAWYER SUSPENDED

Effective March 25, 2022, the Supreme Court of Tennessee suspended John Ryan Poole from the practice of law for six (6) years, with the first four (4) years being as an active suspension pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, Section 12.2, and the remaining two (2) years served on probation conditioned upon the appointment of a practice monitor.

A Petition, Supplemental, Second Supplemental, and Third Supplemental Petitions for Discipline containing seven (7) complaints were filed by the Board alleging Mr. Poole failed to reasonably communicate with his clients regarding the status of their case, failed to act in a diligent manner, and expedite the clients' litigation, failed to comply with court orders, failed to protect client funds, failed to provide proper notice following temporary suspension, and failed to reply with lawful demands for information from disciplinary counsel.

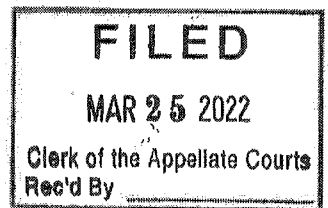
Mr. Poole executed a conditional guilty plea acknowledging his conduct violated Tennessee Rules of Professional Conduct (RPC) 1.3 (diligence); 1.4 (communication); 1.5 (fees); 1.15 (safekeeping client property); 1.16 (declining and terminating representation); 3.2 (expediting litigation); 3.4 (fairness to opposing party and counsel); 8.1 (bar admission and disciplinary matters); and 8.4(a) (misconduct).

Mr. Poole must comply with the requirements of 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

IN RE: JOHN RYAN POOLE BPR #035782
An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee
(Davidson County)



No. M2022-00363-SC-BAR-BP
BOPR No. 2020-3076-5-BL

ORDER OF ENFORCEMENT

This matter is before the Court upon a Petition for Discipline filed against Attorney John Ryan Poole on February 25, 2020; upon Supplemental Petition for Discipline filed against Attorney John Ryan Poole on May 19, 2020; upon Response to Petition for Discipline and Response to Supplemental Petition for Discipline filed by Attorney John Ryan Poole on August 28, 2020; upon Second Supplemental Petition for Discipline filed against Attorney John Ryan Poole on April 15, 2021; upon Third Supplemental Petition for discipline filed against Attorney John Ryan Poole on July 22, 2021; upon Motion for Default Judgment and that Charges in Second Supplemental Petition for Discipline and Third Supplemental Petition for Discipline be Deemed Admitted filed on September 24 2021; upon an Order Granting Default Judgment on the Second and Third Supplement Petitions for Discipline entered on December 20, 2021; upon an Order Recommending Approval of Conditional Guilty Plea entered on February 24, 2022; upon service of the Order Recommending Approval of Conditional Guilty Plea on Attorney John Ryan Poole by the Executive Secretary of the Board on February 24, 2022; upon consideration and approval by the Board on March 11, 2022; 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 Order Recommending Approval of Conditional Guilty Plea.

On December 17, 2019, Mr. Poole was temporarily suspended by this Court pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.3 (Case No. M2019-02208-SC-BAR-BP). To date, Mr. Poole has not requested nor been granted reinstatement.

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

(1) John Ryan Poole is suspended from the practice of law for six (6) years, with the first four (4) years being active suspension and the active portion applying retroactively to the date of his temporary suspension by an order of this Court issued on December 17, 2019, pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.2(b), and the remaining two (2) years to be served on probation pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.2. The grant of probation is subject to the following conditions:

- (a) During the period of suspension and probation, Mr. Poole shall incur no new complaints of misconduct that relate to conduct occurring during the period of suspension and probation and which result in the recommendation by the Board that discipline be imposed.
- (b) Mr. Poole shall engage a practice monitor for the entire period of probation. Mr. Poole shall provide a list of potential practice monitors for selection by the Board within thirty (30) days of the issuance of this order. The practice monitor shall submit monthly reports to the Board addressing the following areas: assessment of caseload, timeliness of tasks, and adequacy of communication between Mr. Poole and his clients.
- (c) In the event Mr. Poole fails to meet or maintain any condition of probation, the probation may be revoked pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 14.2 (2014).

(2) John Ryan Poole shall pay restitution to Ellen Kranzler in the amount of \$1,500.00, Tyler White in the amount of \$500.00, and Linda Beal in the amount of \$2,200.00 pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.7. In the event restitution is made by the Tennessee Lawyer's Fund for Client Protection (TLFCP), Mr. Poole shall reimburse TLFCP in the same amount within thirty (30) days of the payment by TLFCP.

(3) Prior to seeking reinstatement, Mr. Poole shall furnish proof of payment of all restitution to the Board of Professional Responsibility. In addition, Mr. Poole shall be in substantial compliance with the terms and conditions of this Order.

(4) Mr. Poole 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) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 31.3(d), Mr. Poole 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 \$2,072.73. Mr. Poole shall be assessed \$100.00 for the cost of

filing this matter and pay this filing fee to the Board 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.

(6) The Order of Temporary Suspension entered December 17, 2019 (Case No. M2019-02208-SC-BPR-BP) is hereby dissolved.

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

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

PER CURIAM