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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: ASHLEY DENISE PRESTON, BPR# 25642
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BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY
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April 18, 2013

NASHVILLE LAWYER ON PROBATION

On April 17, 2013, Ashley Denise Preston, of Nashville, was suspended by Order of the Tennessee Supreme Court for one year with the entire suspension being probated subject to several conditions including a practice monitor and participation with the Tennessee Lawyer's Assistance Program. Ms. Preston may continue to practice law during the probationary period.

The Board of Professional Responsibility filed a Petition for Discipline against Ms. Preston based upon four (4) complaints alleging that Ms. Preston neglected clients' cases and failed to communicate with clients and the Board. In addition to client complaints, another complaint was filed for her failure to respond to Court orders after failing to file a brief in a criminal case. Ms. Preston entered a guilty plea to the Board's charges.

Ms. Preston's actions violate the following Rule(s) of Professional Conduct: 1.3, Diligence; 1.4 Communication; 3.2, Expediting Litigation; 8.1, Bar Admission and Disciplinary Matters; and 8.4, Misconduct.

Ms. Preston must comply with the requirements of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 18 and pay costs.

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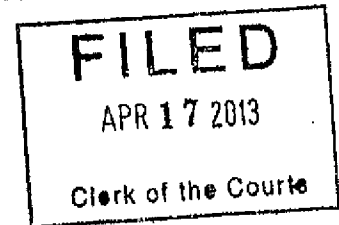
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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE

IN RE ASHLEY DENISE PRESTON, BPR# 25642
An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee
(Davidson County)

No. M2013-00907-SC-BPR-BP
BOPR No. 2012-2157-5-KH



ORDER OF ENFORCEMENT

This matter is before the Court upon a Petition for Discipline filed on September 7, 2012; upon Answer to Petition for Discipline filed on October 4, 2012; upon entry of a Conditional Guilty Plea filed by Ms. Preston on January 29, 2013; upon an Order Recommending Approval of Conditional Guilty Plea entered on January 30, 2013; upon consideration and approval by the Board on March 8, 2013; 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 Recommendation of Conditional Guilty Plea as the Court's Order.

It is, therefore, ordered, adjudged and decreed by the Court that:

(1) Ashley Denise Preston is suspended for one (1) year pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 4.2. However, pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 8.5, the suspension shall be fully probated subject to the following conditions:

(a) Ms. Preston shall engage a practice monitor for the entire period of probation. Ms. Preston shall provide a list of potential practice monitors for selection by the Board within thirty (30) days of signing this plea.

(b) The practice monitor shall submit monthly reports to the Board addressing the following areas: assessment of case load,

timeliness of tasks, and adequacy of communication between Ms. Preston and her clients.

(c) Ms. Preston shall continue to meet with TLAP once a month, for a period of one (1) year.

(d) Ms. Preston shall remain in compliance at all times with the rules and Orders of the Court of Criminal Appeals.

(2) In the event Ms. Preston fails to meet any condition of probation, the probation may be revoked pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 8.5.

(3) Additionally, Ms. Preston shall comply in all aspects with Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 18 regarding the obligations and responsibilities of suspended attorneys.

(4) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 18.5, this Order shall be effective ten (10) days after the date of entry.

(5) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 24.3, Ms. Preston shall pay to the Board of Professional Responsibility the expenses and costs of this matter in the amount of \$940.28 and in addition, 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, § 18.10.

FOR THE COURT:

Cornelia A. Clark
CORNELIA A. CLARK, JUSTICE