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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: KARL E. PULLEY, BPR #12761
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August 20, 2012

NASHVILLE LAWYER CENSURED

On August 16, 2012, Karl E. Pulley of Nashville, Tennessee, was publicly censured by the Tennessee Supreme Court.

The Board of Professional Responsibility filed a Petition for Discipline against Mr. Pulley pursuant to Rule 9 of the Rules of the Supreme Court of Tennessee. Mr. Pulley submitted a Conditional Guilty Plea that was approved by the Hearing Panel, the Board and the Supreme Court. Mr. Pulley violated the Rules of Professional Conduct by failing to diligently represent clients, by failing to adequately communicate with clients and by failing to promptly respond to inquiries from the Board. Mr. Pulley's actions violated the following Rules of Professional Conduct: 1.1, Competence; 1.3, Diligence; 1.4, Communication; 1.5(a), Fees; 1.16(d), Declining and Terminating Representation; 8.1(b), Bar Admission and Disciplinary Matters; and 8.4(a) and (d), Misconduct.. Mr. Pulley was further ordered to pay the costs of the disciplinary proceedings.

For these violations, the Supreme Court of Tennessee publicly censured Karl E. Pulley. A public censure is a rebuke and warning to the attorney, but it does not affect the attorney's ability to practice law.

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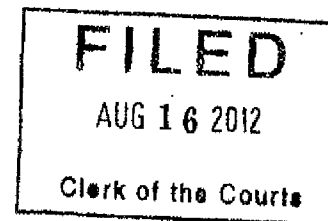
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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE

IN RE **KARL E. PULLEY, BPR #012761**
An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee
(Davidson County)

No. M2012-01708-SC-BPR-BP
BOPR No. 2010-1995-5-RS



ORDER OF ENFORCEMENT

This matter is before the Court upon a Petition for Discipline filed November 29, 2010, by the Board of Professional Responsibility ("Board") against Karl E. Pulley; upon an Answer filed by Mr. Pulley on January 5, 2011; upon entry of a Conditional Guilty Plea by Mr. Pulley on April 2, 2012; upon an Order Recommending Approval of Conditional Guilty Plea entered on April 9, 2012; upon consideration and approval by the Board on June 22, 2012; and upon the entire record in this cause.

From all of which the Court approves the recommendation of the Hearing Panel and accepts the Conditional Guilty Plea.

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

1. Karl E. Pulley shall be and is hereby publicly censured pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 4.4.
2. This Order shall become effective ten (10) days after filing.
3. Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 24.3, Mr. Pulley shall pay to the Board of Professional Responsibility the expenses and costs of this matter in the amount of \$435.00 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.
4. The Board shall cause notice of this discipline to be published as required by Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 18.10.

FOR THE COURT:



WILLIAM C. KOCH, JR., JUSTICE