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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: KARL EMMANUEL PULLEY, BPR #012761
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June 8, 2021

DAVIDSON COUNTY LAWYER SUSPENDED

Effective June 8, 2021, the Supreme Court of Tennessee suspended Karl Emmanuel Pulley from the practice of law for one (1) year with thirty (30) days being served as an active suspension pursuant to Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Sections 12.2 and 14.1, and the remainder served on probation conditioned upon the appointment of a practice monitor.

A Petition and Supplemental Petition for Discipline containing four complaints was filed by the Board. Mr. Pulley executed a conditional guilty plea acknowledging he failed to reasonably communicate with his clients regarding the status of their cases; failed to act in a diligent manner and expedite the clients' litigation; failed to timely respond to discovery requests; charged a non-refundable fee without the client executing a written fee agreement; accepted client referrals from a non-registered intermediary organization; and failed to take reasonable steps to protect the client's interest after terminating the representation in violation of Tennessee Rules of Professional Conduct (RPC) 1.3 (diligence); 1.4 (communication); 1.5 (fees); 3.4(d) (fairness to opposing party and counsel); 1.16 (terminating representation); 7.6 (intermediary organization) and 8.4(a) (misconduct).

Mr. Pulley 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: KARL EMMANUEL PULLEY, BPR #012761
An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee
(Davidson County)

No. M2021-00630-SC-BAR-BP
BOPR No. 2020-3101-5-JM

ORDER OF ENFORCEMENT

This matter is before the Court upon a Petition for Discipline filed against Karl Emmanuel Pulley on June 3, 2020; upon Mr. Pulley filing Respondent Karl Emmanuel Pulley's Answer to Petition for Discipline on August 17, 2020; upon the Board filing a Supplemental Petition for Discipline on September 2, 2020; upon Mr. Pulley filing Respondent Karl Emmanuel Pulley's Answer to Supplemental Petition for Discipline on October 16, 2020; upon Mr. Pulley filing his Conditional Guilty on May 25, 2021; upon the Order Recommending Approval of Conditional Guilty Plea being entered by the Hearing Panel on May 28, 2021; upon the Executive Secretary of the Board forwarding a copy of the Order Recommending Conditional Guilty Plea to Mr. Pulley on May 28, 2021; upon the Board of Professional Responsibility approving the Order of the Hearing Panel on June 3, 2020; 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 Approving Conditional Guilty Plea as the Court's Order.

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

(1) Karl Emmanuel Pulley, pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct., R., §§ 12.2 and 14.1, is suspended for one (1) year with thirty (30) days as an active suspension from the practice of law and the remainder on probation, the grant of which is conditioned upon engagement of a practice monitor as set forth herein.

(2) Mr. Pulley, at his cost, if any, shall engage the services of a Practice Monitor who shall be selected and approved in accordance with Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.9(c). The Practice Monitor shall meet face to face (remotely) with Mr. Pulley at least once per month and by phone at least once per week during the period of probation. The Practice Monitor shall review and assess Mr. Pulley's retainer agreements, case load, case management,

timeliness of professional obligations, adequacy of communication with clients and general office procedures and management practices to ensure compliance with ethical obligations. The Practice Monitor shall provide a monthly written report to Disciplinary Counsel regarding Mr. Pulley's law practice and compliance with the terms and conditions of his probation.

(3) As a further condition of the grant of probation, Mr. Pulley shall not incur any new complaints of misconduct that relate to conduct occurring during the period of suspension and probation and which results in a recommendation by the Board that discipline be imposed.

(4) Prior to seeking reinstatement, Mr. Pulley must have met 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.

(5) Additionally, Mr. Pulley 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.

(6) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 31.3(d), Mr. Pulley shall pay to the Board of Professional Responsibility the expenses and costs of this matter in the amount of \$481.00 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.

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

(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