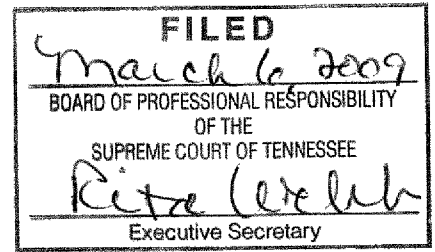


IN DISCIPLINARY DISTRICT II
OF THE
BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY
OF THE
SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE



IN RE: Ronald R. Reagan

Docket No. 2008-1767-2-SG(14)

JUDGMENT OF THE HEARING COMMITTEE

This cause came to be heard by the Hearing Committee of the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Supreme Court of Tennessee on January 9, 2009, pursuant to Rule 9, Supreme Court of Tennessee. Both parties submitted Proposed Findings of Fact after the hearing. The Hearing Committee, consisting of Lee Ann Swarm, Chair, Debra Thompson and Wade Davies, makes the following findings of facts, conclusions of law and submits its judgment in this cause.

This disciplinary proceeding against Ronald Reagan was instituted after he pled guilty and was convicted of possession of a computer hard drive containing three or more visual depictions of child pornography which had been shipped in interstate commerce. Since the conviction of an attorney for any crime is conclusive evidence of the commission of that crime in any disciplinary proceeding based upon the conviction, the only issue in this proceeding was the extent of the final discipline to be imposed. Section 14.3 and 14.4 of Rule 9, Rules of the Supreme Court.

Findings of Fact

1. The Respondent is an attorney licenced to practice law in Tennessee since 1979, BPR# 006571.
2. The Respondent was a former judge.
3. The Respondent pled guilty and was convicted of the possession of a computer hard drive containing three or more visual depictions of child pornography on July 24, 2008.
4. The Respondent was sentenced to forty-six (46) months imprisonment followed by ten (10) years of

supervised release.

5. The Respondent did not self report his criminal charges to the Board of Professional Responsibility.

6. On July 29, 2008 the Board of Professional Responsibility requested the Respondent's response to complaint based upon a media report of his criminal charges.

7. On approximately August 11, 2009, the respondent petitioned the Supreme Court to surrender his law license.

8. The Board of Professional Responsibility filed an Answer to Respondent's Petition to Surrender his license objecting to the Petition.

9. The Supreme Court denied Respondent's Petition to Surrender his Law Licence by order filed September 12, 2008 and referred the matter to the Board of Professional Responsibility for a formal proceeding in which the sole issue to be determined is the Respondent's final discipline.

Conclusions of Law

1. The Respondent's substantial experience in the practice of law and as a judge are aggravating circumstances.

2. The vulnerability of the victims is an aggravating circumstance.

3. The fact that Respondent's offense was not directly related to the practice of law and was not a case of conduct involving "dishonesty, fraud, deceit or misrepresentation" (see ABA Standards for Imposing Lawyer Sanctions 5.11) is a mitigating circumstance.

4. The Respondent's plea of guilt in U.S.A. v Reagan violates Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 8, Rules of Professional Conduct Rule 8.4(a)(b).

Although there appears to be no previous attorney discipline case in Tennessee with identical facts there are other somewhat comparable cases elsewhere. In one case an attorney was suspended for three years for the conviction of two counts of child molestation. In re Safran 18 Cal.3d 134, 554 P.2d 329, 122 Cal. Rptr.9 (1976). In a case from North Carolina, a lawyer convicted of receiving a

videotape of child pornography was suspended for five years although he could apply for a stay of the suspension under certain conditions. North Carolina State Bar v. Osborne, 91 DHS 17 (N.C. Nov. 18, 2991). An Illinois attorney, Timothy Wylie, was disbarred “on consent” after being convicted of child molestation and of transporting and shipping child pornography. In Respondent: Timothy James Wylie, 05 CH 68 (Ill. Nov.22 2005). In Louisiana, an attorney was disbarred after pleading guilty to smuggling and to possession of child pornography. In Respondent : Albert Love Boudreaau, 99-DB-052 (LA April12, 2002).

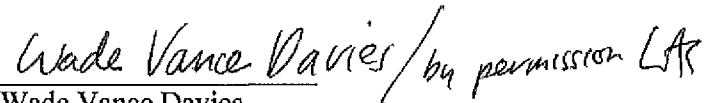
Judgment of the Hearing Committee

The Hearing Committee considered the briefs presented by the Respondent and Disciplinary Counsel, the proposed aggravating and mitigating factors, and comparable cases. It is the judgment of this Hearing Committee that Ronald Reagan should be suspended from the practice of law for five years.

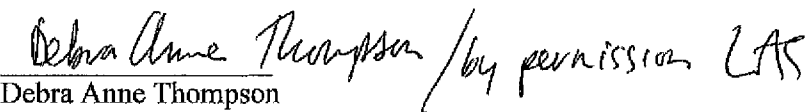
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