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**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**  
**RE: ROBERT R. REXRODE, BPR #16508**  
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**BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY**  
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January 8, 2015

**KNOX COUNTY LAWYER ON PROBATION**

On January 6, 2015, Robert R. Rexrode, of Knox County, Tennessee was suspended by the Tennessee Supreme Court for one (1) year all of which is to be served on probation subject to the condition that he engage a practice monitor.

A Petition for Discipline was filed on May 16, 2014, alleging that Mr. Rexrode failed to act with reasonable diligence by not promptly filing a motion for his client to use cash collateral, attempted to collect fees before obtaining court approval, submitted fee applications that failed to follow Bankruptcy procedures for identification of time devoted to the case, neglected his client's case and charged an unreasonable fee. Mr. Rexrode entered into a Conditional Guilty Plea admitting to the misconduct.

Mr. Rexrode's conduct violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.3, (diligence); 1.2, (competence); 1.4, (communication); 1.5, (fees); 3.3, (candor toward the tribunal), and; 8.4, (misconduct). The Supreme Court's Order will go into effect ten (10) days from the date of entry.

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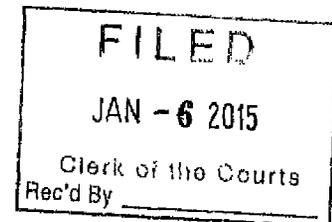
IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE  
AT NASHVILLE

**IN RE: ROBERT R. REXRODE, BPR #16508**  
An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee  
(Knox County)

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No. M2014-02550-SC-BAR-BP  
BOPR No. 2014-2319-2-AJ

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**ORDER OF ENFORCEMENT**

This matter is before the Court upon a Petition for Discipline filed against Robert R. Rexrode on May 16, 2014; upon Answer to Petition for Discipline filed by Mr. Rexrode on June 9, 2014; upon entry of a Conditional Guilty Plea filed by Mr. Rexrode on December 9, 2014; upon an Order Recommending Approval of Conditional Guilty Plea entered on December 10, 2014; upon consideration and approval by the Board on December 12, 2014; and upon the entire record in this cause.<sup>1</sup>

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 as the Court's Order.

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

- (1) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 4.2, Robert R. Rexrode is suspended for one (1) year. However, pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 8.5, the suspension shall be fully probated subject to the following conditions:
  - (a) Mr. Rexrode shall engage a practice monitor for the entire period of probation. Mr. Rexrode shall provide a list of potential practice monitors for selection by the Board within thirty (30) days of signing the conditional guilty plea.

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<sup>1</sup>Because this cause was initiated prior to January 1, 2014, it is governed by Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9 (2006) except as otherwise noted.

(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 Mr. Rexrode and his clients.

(2) During the period of probation, Mr. Rexrode shall incur no new complaints of misconduct that relate to conduct occurring during the period of probation that results in the recommendation by the Board that discipline be imposed.

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

(4) Additionally, Mr. Rexrode shall comply in all aspects with Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, §§ 18 (2006) and 30.4 (2014) regarding the obligations and responsibilities of suspended attorneys and the procedure for reinstatement. Prior to seeking reinstatement, Mr. Rexrode must meet all CLE requirements and pay any outstanding registration fees including those due from the date of suspension until the date of reinstatement.

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

(6) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 24.3, Mr. Rexrode shall pay to the Board of Professional Responsibility the expenses and costs of this matter in the amount of \$488.65 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) The Board of Professional Responsibility shall cause notice of this discipline to be published as required by Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 18.10.

PER CURIAM