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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: JOHN MINOR RICHARDSON, JR, BPR #10289
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November 4, 2013

MONTGOMERY COUNTY LAWYER CENSURED

On November 1, 2013, John Minor Richardson of Montgomery County, was publicly censured by the Tennessee Supreme Court.

The Board of Professional Responsibility filed a Petition for Discipline against Mr. Richardson pursuant to Rule 9, Rules of the Supreme Court. Mr. Richardson submitted a Conditional Guilty Plea acknowledging violation of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 8, Rules of Professional Conduct 1.3 (diligence) 5.3 (responsibilities regarding non-lawyer assistants) and 8.4(a) (misconduct).

Mr. Richardson failed to adequately supervise his non-lawyer employee who did not follow internal accounting procedures that resulted in a monetary loss to his client. Upon discovering the problem, Mr. Richardson terminated the employee and conducted an extensive internal audit of his accounts. He also repaid the client for the loss.

For these violations, the Tennessee Supreme Court publicly censured John Minor Richardson. A public censure is a rebuke and warning to the attorney, but does not affect the attorney's ability to practice law.

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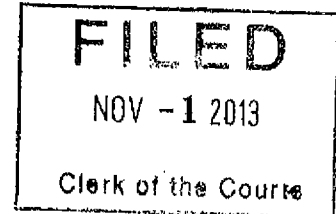
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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE

IN RE: JOHN MINOR RICHARDSON, JR, BPR# 10289

An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee
(Montgomery County)

No. M2013-02420-SC-BAR-BP
BOPR No. 2012-2159-6-KH



ORDER OF ENFORCEMENT

This matter is before the Court upon a Petition for Discipline filed against John Minor Richardson on September 11, 2012; upon Answer to Petition for Discipline filed by Mr. Richardson on October 24, 2012; upon entry of a Conditional Guilty Plea filed by Mr. Richardson on July 9, 2013; upon an Order Recommending Approval of Conditional Guilty Plea entered on July 11, 2013; upon consideration and approval by the Board on September 13, 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 Recommending Approval of Conditional Guilty Plea as the Court's Order.

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

- (1) John Minor Richardson is publicly censured pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 4.4.
- (2) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 24.3, Mr. Richardson shall pay to the Board of Professional Responsibility the expenses and costs of this matter in the amount of \$1,562.05 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.

(3) The Board shall cause notice of this discipline to be published pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 18.10.

FOR THE COURT:

Cornelia A. Clark
CORNELIA A. CLARK, JUSTICE