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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: PAUL ANTHONY ROBINSON, JR., BPR # 4464
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March 31, 2004

MEMPHIS LAWYER PUBLICLY CENSURED

Paul Anthony Robinson, Jr., of Memphis, was publicly censured by the Supreme Court of Tennessee by Order filed March 25, 2004.

Disciplinary Counsel, acting on the authority of the Board, filed a Petition for Discipline against Robinson. The petition alleged that Robinson improperly engaged in the unauthorized practice of law in Tennessee by practicing from September 10, 2001 through November 11, 2002, since his law license was administratively suspended by prior Tennessee Supreme Court order during this period on account of his failure to pay the required annual registration fee.

Pursuant to Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, the Board and Robinson entered into a Conditional Guilty Plea whereby Robinson agreed to the imposition of a public censure. The Board and the Tennessee Supreme Court found that Robinson engaged in the unauthorized practice of law during this period, and that his conduct was detrimental to the administration of justice.

The Board and Supreme Court also ordered Robinson to pay the costs and expenses of the disciplinary hearing.

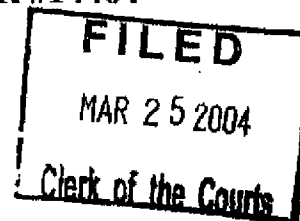
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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE

IN RE: PAUL ANTHONY ROBINSON, JR., BOPR #14464

An Attorney Licensed in Tennessee
(Shelby County)



BPR DOCKET NO. 2003-1369-9-JJ

NO.

M2004-00748-5C-BPO-BP

AGREED ORDER ON CONDITIONAL PLEA OF GUILTY

In this cause, the Board of Professional Responsibility filed a Petition for Discipline against the Respondent, Paul Anthony Robinson, Jr., on April 9, 2003. The Petition for Discipline alleged that Respondent improperly engaged in the unauthorized practice of law in Tennessee by practicing from September 10, 2001 through November 11, 2002, since his law license was administratively suspended by order of this Court during this period on account of his failure to pay the required annual registration fee.

Respondent filed an Answer to the Petition for Discipline in May of 2003, and in the late summer of 2003 Respondent desired to plead to said Petition. Pursuant to section 16 of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Respondent tendered a Conditional Guilty Plea ("Plea") on August 19, 2003, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference, wherein Respondent:

- (i) Pled guilty to violating Tennessee Code Annotated section 23-3-103(a); DR 1-102(A)(1)(5); DR 3-101(B); DR 7-102(A)(8); and DR 7-106(C)(5)(6) given his admitted unauthorized practice of law between September 10, 2001 and November 11, 2002 in Tennessee;
- (ii) Agreed to be publicly censured for his actions as set forth within the April 9, 2003 Petition for Discipline, subject to approval of his Plea by the Board and this Court; and
- (iii) Agreed to pay to the Board pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 9, section 24.3, the costs and expenses of this proceeding, and in addition, to the Clerk of this Court the costs incurred herein.

Disciplinary Counsel took a neutral position as to Respondent's plea, but on September 12, 2003, the Board approved the same. In early October of 2003 and before this proposed Order could be presented to the Court, Disciplinary Counsel learned of a new suspension of the Respondent's law license imposed by this Court on September 24, 2003, due to his failure to comply with the rule on mandatory continuing legal education, and requested certification from the Respondent that he had not again engaged in the unauthorized practice of law while suspended, and evidence from Respondent that the newer

administrative suspension had been lifted.

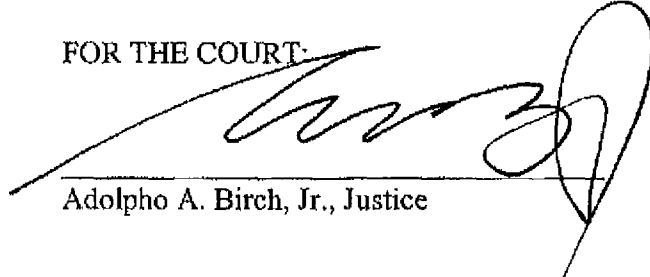
By early November 2003, Respondent provided to Disciplinary Counsel an affidavit attesting to the fact that he had not engaged in the practice of law from the date of his September 24, 2003 administrative suspension through the date of his reinstatement therefrom on October 31, 2003.

It is, therefore, **ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED** by the Court that the Conditional Guilty Plea be approved and incorporated herein, and that Paul Anthony Robinson, Jr., be, and is hereby, **publicly censured** as set forth in the Agreement. It is further **ORDERED** that the Respondent shall pay the costs and expenses of these proceedings in the amount of \$519,000 as is set forth in the Agreement, and in addition shall pay to the Clerk of this Court the costs incurred herein, for all of which execution may issue if necessary.

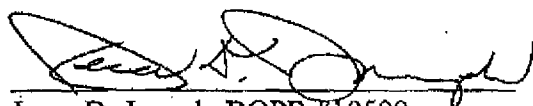
The Board of Professional Responsibility shall cause notice of this Order to be published as required by Supreme Court Rule 9.

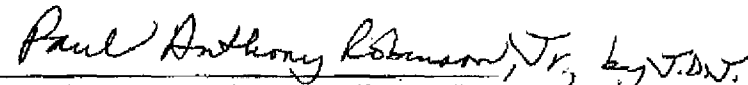
It is so **ORDERED**, this 25th day of March, 2004.

FOR THE COURT:


Adolpho A. Birch, Jr., Justice

APPROVED FOR ENTRY:


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*by J.D.W.
with
express written
permission*

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Executive Secretary

**IN DISCIPLINARY DISTRICT IX
OF THE
BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY
OF THE
SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE**

**IN RE: PAUL ANTHONY ROBINSON, JR.,
BOPR #14464, Respondent. An
Attorney Licensed to Practice
Law in Tennessee
(Shelby County)**

DOCKET NO. 2003-1369-9-JJ

CONDITIONAL GUILTY PLEA

Comes now the respondent, Paul Anthony Robinson, Jr., pursuant to Rule 9, Section 16, Rules of the Supreme Court of Tennessee, and tenders this Conditional Guilty Plea (hereinafter referred to as Plea) as follows:

1. Respondent was served with a copy of the Petition for Discipline filed on April 9, 2003 which he has read and which he understands.
2. Respondent is not represented by counsel in this cause and acknowledges that he has reviewed and understands the matters and issues raised in the above referenced Petition and addressed herein and the applicable Rules of Disciplinary Enforcement, to the extent he deems necessary to make an informed and knowing decision regarding said matters and this Plea.
3. Respondent is aware that he would be entitled to a hearing on the charges set forth in the above referenced Petition for Discipline before a Hearing Committee of the Board of Professional Responsibility to determine whether discipline would or should be imposed arising out of such conduct and, if so, the extent of such discipline.

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4. Respondent is aware that should he desire a hearing regarding the charges as referred to in the preceding paragraph, respondent would have the right to testify and to present evidence in her own behalf, including the right to subpoena and present witnesses.

5. Respondent is aware that he would be entitled to appeal any decision of the Hearing Committee to the appropriate Chancery or Circuit Court and subsequently to the Supreme Court of Tennessee.

6. Respondent desires to specifically waive such hearing and appeals provided that this Conditional Guilty Plea is accepted by the Board of Professional Responsibility and the Supreme Court of Tennessee.

7. If approved by the Board of Professional Responsibility and the Supreme Court, respondent hereby agrees that he shall be publicly censured due to his practice of law in Shelby County from September 10, 2001 through November 11, 2002 while his license to practice was administratively suspended due to his failure to pay the required annual registration fee.

8. Respondent shall pay the costs of the Board and of the Appellate Court Clerk's Office in this matter.

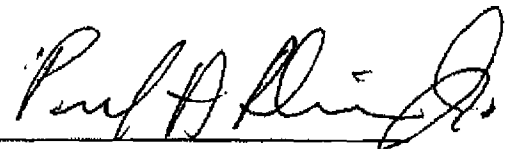
9. Respondent agrees that the Board and the Tennessee Supreme Court shall find that he has violated Tenn. Code Ann. § 23-3-103(a); DR 3-101(B); DR 6-101(A)(2)(3); DR 7-102(A)(8); and DR 7-106(C)(5)(6) of the Code of Professional Responsibility, if this Plea is approved.

10. This Conditional Guilty Plea embraces File No. 25816-9-JJ (complaint of Donnie E. Wilson, Esq).

11. In the event this Conditional Guilty Plea is not accepted and approved by

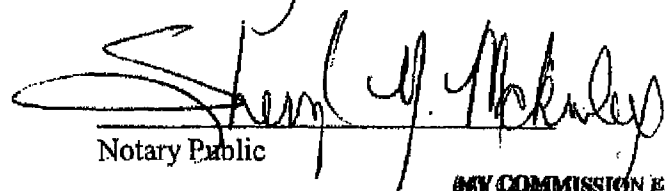
both the Board of Professional Responsibility and the Supreme Court of Tennessee, it shall be considered void and of no effect.

The Conditional Guilty Plea has been executed on this 19th day of August 2003, by the Respondent.



Paul Anthony Robinson, Jr., Esq.

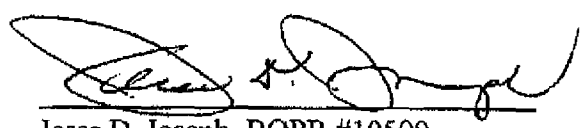
SWORN to and subscribed before me this 19th day of August, 2003.



Notary Public

My Commission Expires: April 25, 2007

This Conditional Guilty Plea is hereby submitted by Disciplinary Counsel, who has approved same and recommends this discipline by consent as evidenced by counsel's signature below.



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Dated: 11/20/03