IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE AT NASHVILLE

IN RE: YARBORO ANN SALLEE, BPR #16884

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

No. M2015-02197-SC-BAR-BP BOPR No. 2015-2509-2-AW(27) FILED

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ORDER TRANSFERRING ATTORNEY TO DISABILITY INACTIVE STATUS

This matter is before the Court upon a Notice of Contention of Disability filed by the Board of Professional Responsibility (Board) pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, §§ 27.4 and 27.2.

Upon due consideration of correspondence from Ms. Yarboro Ann Sallee contending she suffers from complex post-traumatic stress disorder and depression such that she is unable to defend against a pending Petition for Discipline,

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

- 1. The law license of Yarboro Ann Sallee shall be transferred to disability inactive status for an indefinite period of time and until further orders of the Supreme Court.
- 2. Within ten (10) days of the entry of this Order, Ms. Sallee shall, pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 27.2, contact the Tennessee Lawyers Assistance Program (TLAP) for an evaluation to determine Ms. Sallee's capacity to practice law and her capacity to respond to or defend against the pending Petition for Discipline. The evaluation shall be completed within a reasonable period of time and the results of which shall be made available to the Board.
- 3. In the event TLAP is unable to conduct an appropriate evaluation of Ms. Sallee, TLAP shall provide Ms. Sallee and the Board with the names of at least two (2) medical experts qualified and willing to conduct an appropriate examination under Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 27.2. Within ten (10) days of TLAP furnishing the names of the medical experts, Ms. Sallee shall contact the medical experts for an appropriate examination. The examination shall be completed within a reasonable period of time and the results of which shall be made available to the Board.

- 4. This matter shall be referred to a Hearing Panel for a formal hearing, if necessary, to determine Ms. Sallee's capacity to continue to practice law and to respond to or defend against the disciplinary complaint pending in the Board's Docket No. 2015-2471-2-AW. Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 27.4(a), the burden of proof at the hearing shall rest upon Ms. Sallee and shall be by a preponderance of the evidence.
- 5. The Petition for Discipline proceedings, Docket No. 2015-2471-2-AW, shall be suspended pending the determination of Ms. Sallee's ability to respond to or defend against the Petition for Discipline. In the event Ms. Sallee does not comply with paragraphs two (2) and three (3) of this Order, the Board may seek dissolution of the stay of the pending disciplinary proceeding.
- 6. Ms. Sallee shall be allowed to petition for removal of disability inactive status pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 27.7.
- 7. The Board shall publish notice of this transfer pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, §§ 27.5 and 28.11.
- 8. Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 32.4, documents other than this Order relating to Ms. Sallee's disability proceeding shall not be public records and shall be kept confidential.

PER CURIAM