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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: FRANCIS XAVIER SANTORE, JR., BPR# 11315
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GREENEVILLE LAWYER SUSPENDED

On July 23, 2010, Francis Xavier Santore of Greeneville, Tennessee, was suspended from the practice of law for thirty-three (33) months by the Tennessee Supreme Court. Of the thirty-three (33) months, Mr. Santore will be required to serve forty-five (45) days as an active suspension with the remainder to be served on probation. Mr. Santore will be required to remain compliant with the Tennessee Lawyers Assistance Program ("TLAP") for the entire period of probation.

A Petition for Discipline was filed on November 19, 2009, based upon a media report and a self-report of disciplinary misconduct. On November 25, 2008, Mr. Santore appeared for a trial and learned that the opposing party intended to contest the matter. Mr. Santore became irate. He threw a cup of coffee across the courtroom, cursed loudly, and then left the courtroom. As he went down the stairs toward the lobby, Mr. Santore pulled a handrail from the stairwell causing damage to the courthouse. Mr. Santore was criminally charged with vandalism under \$500.00. On March 27, 2009, he was sentenced to eleven (11) months, twenty-nine (29) days in jail, with all time suspended on unsupervised probation. Mr. Santore was ordered to continue to remain compliant with his TLAP monitoring agreement and continue mental health counseling.

Mr. Santore's actions violate the following Rules of Professional Conduct: 8.4(a)(b) and (d), Misconduct.

Mr. Santore must comply with Section 18 of Rule 9, Rules of the Supreme Court, regarding the obligations and responsibilities of suspended attorneys. He must pay the Board's costs and expenses prior to reinstatement to the practice of law.

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IN RE: FRANCIS XAVIER SANTORE, JR., BPR #11315

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

NO. M2010-01576-SC-BPO-BP
BOPR No. 2009-1857-1-KH

ORDER OF ENFORCEMENT

This matter is before the Court upon a Petition for Discipline filed on November 19, 2009 by the Board of Professional Responsibility ("Board") against Francis Xavier Santore, Jr. ("Respondent"); upon a Response to Petition for Discipline filed on November 30, 2009 by the Respondent; upon a hearing held on June 7, 2010; upon Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law entered by the Hearing Panel on June 25, 2010; upon the Board's approval given June 11, 2010; upon Respondent's written decision not to appeal; and upon the entire record in this cause.

From all of which the Court finds that the disposition of the Hearing Panel suspending Respondent for thirty-three (33) months with all time served on probation except for forty-five (45) days, which shall be served as an active suspension, to be appropriate. The Court further finds that as conditions of probation, Respondent must remain compliant with the TLAP monitoring agreement for the remainder of the probationary term, continue mental health counseling, and take medication as prescribed.

It is therefore, **ORDERED, ADJUDGED** and **DECREED** by the Court that:

1. Respondent, Francis Xavier Santore, Jr., shall be and is hereby suspended from the practice of law for thirty-three (33) months pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 4.2. However, pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 8.5, the Respondent's actual suspension shall be for a period of forty-five (45) days. The imposition of the remainder of the suspension is suspended, and the Respondent is thereafter placed on probation for the remainder of the thirty-three (33) months subject to the following conditions.

2. Respondent shall remain compliant with the TLAP monitoring agreement for the entire term of probation. He shall be required to continue mental health counseling and must take medication as prescribed.

3. The suspension shall become effective ten (10) days after the filing of this Order.

4. Respondent shall comply in all aspects with Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 18, regarding the obligations and responsibilities of suspended attorneys.

5. Pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 24.3, the Respondent shall pay to the Board of Professional Responsibility the expenses and costs of this matter in the amount of \$1,977.66, and in addition, shall pay to the Clerk of this Court the costs incurred herein, prior to the expiration of the forty-five (45) active suspension period for all of which execution may issue if necessary.

6. The Board shall cause notice of this suspension to be published as required by Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 18.10.

FOR THE COURT:

Cornelia A. Clark
CORNELIA A. CLARK
JUSTICE

Michael W. Catalano, Clerk, hereby certify that this is a true and exact copy of the original filed in the cause.
This 23 day of July, 20 10
CLERK OF COURT
By: [Signature]