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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: RAYMOND ANDREW SHIRLEY, BPR #5784
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September 26, 2013

KNOX COUNTY LAWYER SUSPENDED

On September 23, 2013, the law license of Raymond Andrew Shirley of Knoxville, Tennessee, was suspended by the Tennessee Supreme Court for a period of one (1) year pursuant to Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 4.2. In addition, Mr. Shirley is required to undergo an assessment with the Tennessee Lawyers Assistance Program and engage a practice monitor for one year following any reinstatement of his license to practice law.

The Board of Professional Responsibility filed a Petition for Discipline against Mr. Shirley alleging that he failed to diligently prosecute a case on behalf of his clients, failed to comply with court-ordered discovery, and failed to settle the pending lawsuit as requested by his clients. As a result of Mr. Shirley's actions and inactions in the matter, the case was dismissed by the trial court. Finally, Mr. Shirley failed to notify his clients that their case had been dismissed. Mr. Shirley entered a conditional guilty plea admitting to the misconduct.

Mr. Shirley's conduct was in violation of the Rules of Professional Conduct 1.1 (competence), 1.3 (diligence), 1.4 (communication), 3.2 (expediting litigation) and 8.4 (a) and (c) (misconduct).

Mr. Shirley was further ordered to pay the expenses and costs of the disciplinary proceedings against him pursuant to Rule 9, Section 24.3, of the Rules of the Supreme Court, and fully comply in all respects with the requirements and obligations of suspended attorneys and the procedure for reinstatement as set forth in Rule 9, Sections 18 and 19, of the Rules of the Supreme Court.

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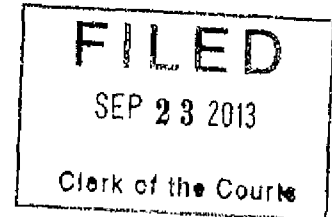
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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE

IN RE: RAYMOND ANDREW SHIRLEY, BPR # 005784

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

No. M2013-02113-SC-BAR-BP
BOPR No. 2013-2181-2-AW



ORDER OF ENFORCEMENT

This matter is before the Court upon a Petition for Discipline filed on January 28, 2013; upon the Response to Petition for Discipline filed April 22, 2013; upon the Conditional Guilty Plea filed July 9, 2013; upon the Hearing Panel's Order Recommending Approval of the Conditional Guilty Plea entered July 18, 2013; upon consideration and approval by the Board on August 12, 2013; and upon the entire record in this cause.

From all of which the Court approves the Judgment of the Hearing Panel and adopts the Hearing Panel's Judgment as the Court's Order.

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

- (1) Raymond Andrew Shirley is hereby suspended from the practice of law pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 4.2 for a period of one (1) year.
- (2) Mr. Shirley shall submit to a full evaluation by Tennessee Lawyer's Assistance Program (TLAP). If a monitoring agreement is deemed appropriate, Mr. Shirley shall fully comply with the terms and conditions of the monitoring agreement recommended by TLAP.
- (3) As a condition of reinstatement, Raymond Andrew Shirley shall engage a practice monitor, approved by the Chief Disciplinary Counsel for the Board, for one year following reinstatement and shall fully comply with the terms and conditions of the monitoring agreement.
- (4) In addition, Mr. Shirley shall comply in all aspects with Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, §§ 18 and 19 regarding the obligations and responsibilities of suspended attorneys and the procedure for reinstatement.

(5) The Court further finds that Mr. Shirley was temporarily suspended by this Court pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 4.3 on September 27, 2012, for failure to respond to the Board of Professional Responsibility concerning a complaint of misconduct. Said temporary suspension is hereby dissolved.

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

(7) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 24.3, Mr. Shirley shall pay to the Board of Professional Responsibility the expenses and costs of this matter in the amount of \$1,250.83 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.

(8) The Board of Professional Responsibility shall cause notice of this discipline to be published as required by Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 18.10.

FOR THE COURT:

Cornelia A. Clark
CORNELIA A. CLARK, JUSTICE