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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: C. LEANN SMITH, BPR #018899
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August 17, 2022

DAVIDSON COUNTY LAWYER SUSPENDED

Effective August 17, 2022, the Supreme Court of Tennessee suspended C. LeAnn Smith from the practice of law for two (2) years and six (6) months of active suspension pursuant to Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 12.2. As a condition of seeking any reinstatement, Ms. Smith shall enter into a TLAP Monitoring Agreement and shall authorize Permitted Disclosures from TLAP to the Board of Professional Responsibility.

A Petition for Discipline containing one (1) complaint was filed by the Board alleging Ms. Smith testified falsely under oath as a party to a lawsuit. The disciplinary complaint was tried before a Hearing Panel, which found Ms. Smith's conduct violated Tennessee Rules of Professional Conduct 8.4(c) and (d) (misconduct).

Ms. Smith must comply with the requirements of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Sections 28 and 30.4 regarding the obligations and responsibilities of suspended attorneys and the procedure for reinstatement.

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE



IN RE: C. LEANN SMITH, BPR #018899
An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee
(Davidson County)

No. M2022-01080-SC-BAR-BP
BOPR No. 2021-3185-5-DB

ORDER OF ENFORCEMENT

This matter is before the Court upon a Petition for Discipline filed against C. LeAnn Smith on June 28, 2021; upon Answer to Petition for Discipline filed by Ms. Smith on September 14, 2021; upon entry of the Board of Professional Responsibility's Proposed Findings of Fact and Conclusion of Law on April 28, 2022; upon entry of Judgment of the Hearing Panel on May 12, 2022; upon service of the Judgment of the Hearing Panel on Ms. Smith by the Executive Secretary of the Board on May 16, 2022; upon entry of Board of Professional Responsibility's Application for Assessment of Cost filed on May 13, 2022; upon service of the Board's Application for Assessment of Costs on Ms. Smith by the Executive Secretary of the Board on May 13, 2022; upon entry by Hearing Panel of Findings and Judgment for Assessment of Costs filed on May 31, 2022; upon service of the Hearing Panel's Findings and Judgment for Assessment of Costs on Ms. Smith by Executive Secretary of the Board on May 31, 2022; upon consideration and approval by the Board on June 10, 2022; upon expiration of the appeal period with no appeal taken; 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 of active suspension.

On May 7, 2021, Ms. Smith was temporarily suspended by this Court pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.3 (Case No. M2011-00466-SC-BAR-BP). To date, Ms. Smith has not requested nor been granted reinstatement.

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

- (1) Ms. Smith is actively suspended from the practice of law for two (2) years

and six (6) months, pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.2, and as a condition for any application for reinstatement, Ms. Smith shall enter into a Tennessee Lawyers Assistance Program (“TLAP”) Monitoring Agreement, as defined in Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 33, Appendix A, and shall authorize Permitted Disclosures to the Board of Professional Responsibility, comply and participate in any assessment requested by TLAP, and complete and/or comply with any course of treatment recommended by TLAP following such assessments.

(2) Prior to seeking reinstatement, Ms. Smith must have met all CLE requirements, have remitted all outstanding registration fees and outstanding professional privilege taxes, including those due from the date of this suspension until the date of reinstatement; and have remitted all court costs and Board costs in this matter. In addition, Ms. Smith shall be in substantial compliance with the terms and conditions of this Order.

(3) Ms. Smith shall comply in all aspects with Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, §§ 28 and 30.4, regarding the obligations and responsibilities of suspended attorneys and the procedure for reinstatement.

(4) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 31.3(d), Ms. Smith shall pay to the Board of Professional Responsibility the expenses and costs incurred to date by the Board in this matter in the amount of \$2,005.00. Ms. Smith additionally shall be assessed \$100.00 for the cost of filing this matter and pay this filing fee to the Board and shall pay to the Clerk of this Court the court costs incurred herein. All costs, fees, and expenses awarded or assessed herein shall be paid within ninety (90) days of the entry of this Order, for which execution, if necessary, may issue.

(5) The Order of Temporary Suspension entered May 7, 2021 (Case No. M2021-00466-SC-BPR-BP) remains in effect.

(6) The Board of Professional Responsibility shall cause notice of this discipline to be published as required by Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 28.11.

(7) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 28.1, this Order shall be effective upon entry.

PER CURIAM