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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: MARVIN REID STANFORD, BPR #25128
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MISSISSIPPI LAWYER SUSPENDED

On December 20, 2017, the Supreme Court of Tennessee entered an Order of Reciprocal Discipline suspending the law license of Marvin Reid Stanford of Olive Branch, Mississippi, for three (3) years with six (6) months on active suspension, and the remaining two and a half (2.5) years served on probation. The suspension is retroactive to September 1, 2017. Mr. Stanford is licensed to practice law in Mississippi and Tennessee.

Upon receiving notification by the Board of Professional Responsibility that Mr. Stanford was subject to attorney discipline in Mississippi, the Supreme Court of Tennessee entered a notice requiring Mr. Stanford to demonstrate why reciprocal discipline should not be imposed in Tennessee. The Supreme Court of Mississippi found that Mr. Stanford violated Mississippi Rules of Professional Conduct 1.15(a) and (b) (safekeeping property and funds); 5.3(a) (responsibilities to non-lawyer assistants); and, 8.4(a) and (d) (misconduct).

Mr. Stanford must comply with the requirements of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Sections 28 and 30.4 regarding the obligations and responsibilities of suspended attorneys.

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE

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IN RE: MARVIN REID STANFORD, BPR #025128
An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee
(Desoto County, Mississippi)

No. M2017-02101-SC-BAR-BP
BOPR No. 2017-2777-0-AJ-25

ORDER OF RECIPROCAL DISCIPLINE

This matter is before the Court pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 25, upon a Notice of Submission filed by the Board of Professional Responsibility (“Board”) consisting of a certified copy of an Agreed Opinion and Order from the Supreme Court of Mississippi entered October 2, 2017, suspending Marvin Reid Stanford from the practice of law for three (3) years, comprised of six (6) months active suspension with two and a half (2.5) years’ probation, effective September 1, 2017.

On October 12, 2017, this Court entered a Notice of Reciprocal Discipline requiring Mr. Stanford to inform this Court within thirty (30) days of receipt of the Notice why reciprocal discipline should not be imposed in Tennessee pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 25.4, or, in the absence of a response demonstrating the grounds set forth in Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 25.4, the Supreme Court of Tennessee will impose a discipline with identical terms and conditions based upon the Agreed Opinion and Judgment of the Supreme Court of Mississippi. This Court received Mr. Stanford’s response on December 4, 2017.

After careful consideration of the record in this matter, the Court finds, based upon the particular facts of this case, that none of the elements in Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 25.4, exist. As a result, it is appropriate to enter an Order of Reciprocal Discipline.

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

- (1) Marvin Reid Stanford shall be suspended from the practice of law for three (3) years, with six (6) months served as active suspension, and the remaining two and a half (2.5) years served on probation as imposed by the Agreed

Opinion and Judgment entered by the Supreme Court of Mississippi. Further, the suspension shall be retroactive to September 1, 2017.

- (2) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 31.3, Mr. Stanford shall pay to the Board of Professional Responsibility the expenses and costs of this matter in the amount of \$83.00 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.
- (3) Prior to seeking reinstatement, Mr. Stanford 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.
- (4) Mr. Stanford 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.
- (5) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 28.1, this Order shall be effective upon entry.
- (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.

PER CURIAM