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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: JEFFREY A. STINNETT, BPR# 12814
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August 18, 2011

CHATTANOOGA LAWYER SUSPENDED

On August 15, 2011, Jeffrey A. Stinnett, of Chattanooga, Tennessee, was suspended by Order of the Tennessee Supreme Court for a period of two (2) years, with six months served as an active suspension and the remaining eighteen (18) months to be served on probation. The active suspension shall commence on September 1, 2011. Mr. Stinnett was ordered to engage a practice monitor during his probationary period and to contact the Tennessee Lawyer's Assistance Program. Mr. Stinnett is required to pay restitution to two (2) former clients and to pay the Board's costs of the disciplinary proceeding.

The Board of Professional Responsibility filed a Petition for Discipline on September 7, 2010 containing three (3) complaints of disciplinary misconduct alleging that Mr. Stinnett failed to inform clients that he was temporarily suspended. He continued to practice law and accept fees during his suspension. Additionally, Mr. Stinnett continued to practice law after being temporarily suspended by appearing before the Juvenile Court of Hamilton County. Mr. Stinnett did not refund legal fees despite being unable to perform any work on the cases.

His actions violate the following Rule(s) of Professional Conduct: 1.3, Diligence; 1.4, Communication; 1.16(d), Declining and Terminating Representation; 3.2, Expediting Litigation; 3.4(c), Fairness to Opposing Party; 5.5(a), and 8.4(c)(d).

Mr. Stinnett must comply with the requirements of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 18, regarding the responsibilities and obligations of suspended attorneys.

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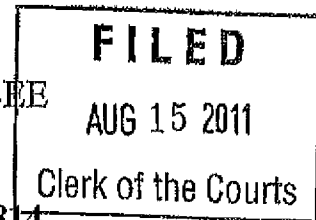
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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE

IN RE: JEFFREY A. STINNETT, BPR #12814
An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee
(Hamilton County)



NO. MA2011-0174-SC-BPR-BP
BOPR No. 2010-1971-3-CM

ORDER OF ENFORCEMENT

This matter is before the Court upon a Petition for Discipline filed September 7, 2010 by the Board of Professional Responsibility ("Board") against Jeffrey A. Stinnett ("Respondent"); upon Respondent's Answer to the Petition for Discipline filed on October 12, 2010; upon entry of a Conditional Guilty Plea by Respondent on June 16, 2011; upon an Order Recommending Approval of Conditional Guilty Plea entered by the Hearing Panel on June 17, 2011; upon consideration and approval of the Board on July 5, 2011; and upon the entire record in this cause.

From all of which the Court approves the recommendation of the Hearing Panel and accepts the Conditional Guilty Plea.

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

1. Respondent, Jeffrey A. Stinnett, be and is hereby suspended for two (2) years pursuant to Rule 9, §4.2, with six (6) months served as active suspension and the remaining eighteen (18) months served on probation, pursuant to Rule 9, §8.5, subject to the following conditions:

- a) Respondent shall engage a practice monitor for the entire probationary period. The practice monitor shall be approved by the Board and shall submit monthly reports to the Board related to the following issues: time management, client communications, and general law office management.
- b) Respondent shall contact the Tennessee Lawyers Assistance Program ("TLAP") for evaluation. If TLAP determines that a

monitoring agreement is appropriate, Respondent shall comply with the terms and conditions of the TLAP monitoring agreement.

2. Pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 4.7, Respondent shall pay restitution to the following individuals. Payment of restitution shall be a condition precedent to reinstatement.

- a) Susan McCampbell (\$2,500.00)
- b) Melissa Davis (\$182.50).

3. The suspension shall begin on September 1, 2011.

4. Respondent shall comply in all aspects with Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 18 regarding the obligations and responsibilities of suspended attorneys. Respondent must meet all CLE requirements and all registration requirements prior to reinstatement.

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 \$295.00 and, in addition, 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.

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
CHIEF JUSTICE

I, Michael W. Catalano, Clerk, hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of the original

Filed in the cause.

This 15 day of Aug, 20 11

By: *[Signature]* CLERK OF COURT D.C.