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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: THOMAS H. STRAWN, JR., BPR #002710
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April 26, 2010

DYERSBURG LAWYER SUSPENDED

On April 20, 2010, Thomas H. Strawn, Jr., of Dyersburg, Tennessee, was suspended by the Tennessee Supreme Court, pursuant to a Conditional Guilty Plea, for a period of two (2) years pursuant to Rule 9, Section 4.2, of the Rules of the Supreme Court. However, pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 8.5, Mr. Strawn was placed on probation for a period of twenty-two (22) months following sixty (60) days of active suspension, with eight (8) days credit on the actual suspension for time spent on temporary suspension.

Mr. Strawn violated disciplinary rules by neglecting clients' Chapter 13 Bankruptcy cases. Mr. Strawn's actions violated Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 8, Rules of Professional Conduct 1.1 (Competence); 1.3 (diligence) and 1.4 (communication); 3.2 (exploiting litigation); and 8.4 (misconduct).

Mr. Strawn was ordered to pay the expenses and costs of the disciplinary proceedings against him, pursuant to Rule 9, Section 4.7, of the Rules of the Supreme Court and fully comply in all respects with the requirements and obligations of suspended attorneys as set forth in Rule 9, Section 18.1 of the Rules of the Supreme Court.

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IN RE: THOMAS H. STRAWN, JR., BPR # 002710

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

NO. M2010-00874-SC-BPO-BP BPR DOCKET NO. 2009-1827-8-SG

ORDER OF ENFORCEMENT

This matter is before the Court upon a Petition for Discipline filed by the Board of Professional Responsibility ("Board") against Thomas H. Strawn, Jr., on July 27, 2009; upon the filing of a Response by the Respondent on August 26, 2009; upon the entering of a Conditional Guilty Plea by the Respondent on January 19, 2010; upon the Order Recommending Approval of Conditional Guilty Plea by a Hearing Panel on February 22, 2010; upon the approval by the Board on March 12, 2010; and upon the entire record in this cause.

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

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

- 1. The Respondent, Thomas H. Strawn, Jr., shall be and is hereby suspended from the practice of law for two (2) years 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 sixty (60) days. The imposition of the remainder of the suspension is suspended, and the Respondent is thereafter placed on probation for a period of two (2) years, subject to the following conditions.
- 2. Respondent is entitled to eight (8) days credit on the actual suspension for the time spent on temporary suspension from May 20, 2009.
- 3. At all times during the suspension Respondent shall have engaged and shall report to a practice monitor, who shall report to disciplinary counsel on a monthly basis. Within fifteen (15) days after the entry of this order Respondent shall submit the names of up to five (5) candidates for practice monitor to disciplinary counsel, who will then approve the selection of one (1) candidate.

- 4. 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 \$425.30, and in addition, shall pay to the Clerk of this Court the costs incurred herein, within ninety (90) days from the entry of this Order, for all of which execution may issue if necessary.
- 5. The Respondent shall comply in all aspects with Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 18, regarding the obligations and responsibilities of suspended attorneys.
- 6. The Board of Professional Responsibility shall cause notice of this discipline to be published as required by Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 18.10.
- 7. Pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 18.5, this Order shall be effective ten (10) days after the date of entry.

FOR THE COURT:

Cornelia A. Clark

JUSTICE

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

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