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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: JAMES F. TAYLOR, BPR #018998
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January 8, 2013

HAWKINS COUNTY ATTORNEY DISBARRED AND ORDERED TO PAY RESTITUTION

On January 7, 2013, James Franklin Taylor was disbarred and ordered by the Supreme Court to pay restitution prior to any reinstatement. The Supreme Court previously temporarily suspended Mr. Taylor's law license on June 29, 2012 and summarily suspended Mr. Taylor on October 26, 2012 based upon Mr. Taylor's plea of guilty to felony theft.

The Board of Professional Responsibility filed Petitions for Discipline against Mr. Taylor pursuant to Rule 9, Section 8.2, of the Rules of the Supreme Court of Tennessee, charging Mr. Taylor with misappropriation of client funds and foundation funds, and filing false claims with the Administrative Office of the Courts.

Mr. Taylor submitted a Conditional Guilty Plea which was approved by a Hearing Panel, the Board of Professional Responsibility and the Supreme Court. Mr. Taylor's actions violate Rules of Professional Conduct 1.1 (competence); 1.2 (scope of representation); 1.3 (diligence); 1.4 (communication); 1.5 (fees); 1.8 (conflict of interest); 1.12 (former judge); 1.15 (safekeeping property and funds); 8.1 (disciplinary matters); 8.2 (judicial and legal officials); and 8.4 (misconduct).

Mr. Taylor was 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 disbarred attorneys as set forth in Rule 9, Section 18.

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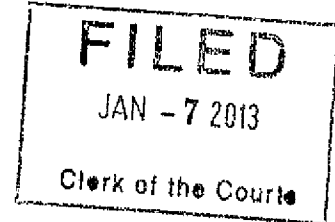
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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE

IN RE JAMES F. TAYLOR, BPR #018998
An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee
(Hawkins County, Tennessee)

No. M2012-01341-SC-BPR-BP
BPR No. 2012-2105-1-SG



ORDER OF ENFORCEMENT

This matter is before the Court upon a Petition for Discipline filed on February 13, 2012; upon Mr. Taylor's Response to the Petition for Discipline filed April 2, 2012; upon the Supplemental Petition for Discipline filed April 16, 2012; upon Mr. Taylor's Response to Supplemental Petition for Discipline filed May 21, 2012; upon the Board's Second Supplemental Petition for Discipline filed July 13, 2012; upon Mr. Taylor's Conditional Guilty Plea filed on November 14, 2012; upon the Hearing Panel's Order of Recommendation of Conditional Guilty Plea filed November 26, 2012; upon the Board's consideration and approval of the Hearing Panel's Order on December 14, 2012; and upon the entire record in this cause.

From all of which the Court approves the Order of Recommendation of Conditional Guilty Plea filed by the Hearing Panel and adopts the Order as the Court's Order.

By Order filed June 29, 2012, this Court temporarily suspended Mr. Taylor from the practice of law in Docket No. 2012-01341-SC-BPR-BP. On October 26, 2012, this Court summarily suspended Mr. Taylor in Docket No. 2012-01341-SC-BPR-BP. These Orders suspending Mr. Taylor are dissolved by this Order.

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

1. James Franklin Taylor is disbarred and ordered to pay restitution prior to reinstatement of any amount or judgment ordered by a court and/or paid by Lawyer's Fund for Client Protection.
2. This Order shall become effective ten (10) days after filing.

3. Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 24.3, Mr. Taylor shall pay to the Board of Professional Responsibility the expenses and costs of this matter in the amount of \$968.00 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.
4. The Board shall cause notice of this discipline to be published as required by Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 18.10.

FOR THE COURT:



WILLIAM C. KOCH, JR., JUSTICE