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**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**  
**RE: KEVIN WILLIAM TEETS, JR., BPR #029981**  
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June 10, 2020

**DAVIDSON COUNTY LAWYER SUSPENDED**

Effective June 10, 2020, the Supreme Court of Tennessee entered an order suspending Kevin William Teets, Jr. from the practice of law for thirty (30) days active suspension; for the period of one (1) year following the date of the order of reinstatement Mr. Teets shall engage a practice monitor; and Mr. Teets must pay to the Board all costs in the disciplinary proceeding.

Mr. Teets assisted with the incorporation of a non-profit entity in exchange for being named treasurer of the non-profit. Mr. Teets admitted to misappropriating funds from the non-profit while acting as its treasurer. The hearing panel determined that Mr. Teets' actions violated Rules of Professional Conduct 8.4.

Mr. Teets is immediately suspended from the practice of law and prohibited from using any indicia of lawyer, legal assistant, or law clerk or maintaining a presence where the practice of law is conducted. Mr. Teets must notify all clients being represented in pending matters, as well as co-counsel and opposing counsel of the Supreme Court's Order suspending his law license and shall deliver to all clients any papers or property to which they are entitled.

Mr. Teets 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

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**IN RE: KEVIN WILLIAM TEETS, JR., BPR #029981**  
An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee  
(Davidson County)

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**No. M2020-00777-SC-BAR-BP**  
BOPR No. 2017-2784-5-AJ

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**ORDER OF ENFORCEMENT**

This matter is before the Court upon a Petition for Discipline filed against Kevin William Teets, Jr. on November 7, 2017; upon an Answer to Petition for Discipline filed by Mr. Teets on December 18, 2017; upon the Ruling of the Hearing Panel entered on August 9, 2018; upon the Supplemental Ruling of the Hearing Panel resolving the Board's Application for Assessment of Costs entered on December 6, 2018; upon the Petition for Review filed by Mr. Teets in the Chancery Court of Davidson County on February 4, 2019; upon the Judgment entered by the Chancery Court on August 28, 2019; upon the Findings and Judgment for Assessment of Costs entered by the Chancery Court on September 27, 2019; upon the Notice of Appeal filed by Mr. Teets on October 23, 2019; upon the Order entered by the Supreme Court on April 21, 2020, giving Mr. Teets seven (7) days to show cause why the appeal should not be dismissed; upon Mr. Teets' failure to respond and show cause and the entry of the Order of the Supreme Court on May 7, 2020 dismissing the appeal; and upon the entire record in this cause.

From all of which the Court approves the Judgment of the Chancery Court of Davidson County and adopts the Chancery Court's Memorandum and Order as the Court's Order.

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

(1) Mr. Kevin William Teets, Jr. is suspended from the practice of law for thirty (30) days, pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.2, subject to the following conditions of probation:

- (a) Mr. Teets shall contact the Tennessee Lawyers Assistance Program (TLAP) for evaluation. If TLAP determines that a monitoring

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

- (b) For the period of one (1) year following the entry of an order of reinstatement to the practice of law, Mr. Teets, at his cost, shall engage a practice monitor who shall be selected and approved in accordance with Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.9(c). The practice monitor shall meet with Mr. Teets monthly and assess his case load, timeliness of tasks, adequacy of communication with his clients, and his accounting procedures. The practice monitor shall provide a monthly written report of Mr. Teets' progress to Disciplinary Counsel.

- (2) Prior to seeking reinstatement, Mr. Teets 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.

- (3) Additionally, Mr. Teets 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, § 28.1, this Order shall be effective upon entry.

- (5) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 31.3(f) (2014), Mr. Teets shall pay to the Board of Professional Responsibility the expenses and costs of this matter in the amount of \$3,358.33 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.

- (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