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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: KEVIN WILLIAM TEETS, JR., BPR #029981
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DAVIDSON COUNTY LAWYER SUSPENDED

On October 13, 2021, the Supreme Court of Tennessee entered an order suspending Kevin William Teets, Jr., from the practice of law for a period of one (1) year, pursuant to Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 12.2. Mr. Teets was further ordered to reimburse the Board for all costs in the disciplinary proceeding, and to pay court costs associated with the proceedings.

A Petition for Discipline, consisting of one disciplinary complaint, was filed against Mr. Teets on February 15, 2019. The disciplinary complaint was tried before a Hearing Panel which found Mr. Teets, knowing the bonding company had refused to remain on his client's criminal bond after the conviction, intentionally misled the Trial Court to believe the bonding company had agreed to remain on the bond. The Hearing Panel found the conduct of Mr. Teets violated Rules of Professional Conduct Rule 3.3(a) (Candor toward the tribunal) and 8.4 (a), (c) and (d) (Misconduct). The decision of the Hearing Panel was appealed to the Davidson County Circuit Court, which affirmed the Panel's judgment, both as to the ethical violations committed and the appropriate sanction to be imposed.

Mr. Teets must comply with the requirements of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Sections 28 and 30, regarding the obligations and responsibilities of suspended attorneys and may not return to the active practice of law until an order of reinstatement has been entered by the Supreme Court.

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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)

No. M2021-01160-SC-BAR-BP
BOPR No. 2019-2963-5-JM

ORDER OF ENFORCEMENT

This matter is before the Court upon a Petition for Discipline filed against Kevin William Teets, Jr., on February 15, 2019; upon Answer of Kevin W. Teets, Jr. To Petition for Discipline filed by Mr. Teets on April 25, 2019; upon final hearing held on June 18, 2020; upon the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Judgment of the Hearing Panel entered on August 10, 2020; upon service of the Findings of Fact, conclusions of Law and Judgment of the Hearing Panel by the Executive Secretary of the Board on Mr. Teets' attorney on August 10, 2020; upon the Board's Application for Assessment of Costs filed on August 14, 2020, and the Board's Amended Application for Costs filed on August 19, 2020; upon the Findings and Judgment for Assessment of Costs entered on September 2, 2020; upon service of the Hearing Panel's Findings and Judgment for Assessment of Costs by the Executive Secretary of the Board on Mr. Teets and his attorney on September 2, 2020; upon the Petition for Review filed by Mr. Teets in the Circuit Court of Davidson County on October 1, 2020; upon the Memorandum and Order entered by the Circuit Court on May 17, 2021; upon the Board's Notice of Discretionary Costs Incurred and Request for Entry of Final Judgment filed on June 15, 2021; upon the Court's Order Re: Discretionary Costs entered on June 25, 2021; upon the Order taxing court costs upon Mr. Teets entered in the Circuit Court on August 19, 2021; and upon the entire record in this cause.

From all of which the Court approves the Judgment of the Circuit Court of Davidson County and adopts the Circuit 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 one (1) year active suspension, pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, §12.2.

(2) Prior to seeking reinstatement, Mr. Teets must have met all CLE requirements and must have attended twelve (12) hours of continuing legal education concerning ethics or professionalism in addition to the usual 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 and his prior disciplinary matters.

(3) Additionally, Mr. Teets shall comply in all respects 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 in this matter in the amount of \$2,585.00, the court costs in the Davidson County Circuit Court, 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