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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: JOHN TERENCE TENNYSON, BPR #032777
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June 2, 2022

WILSON COUNTY LAWYER DISBARRED

Effective June 2, 2022, the Supreme Court of Tennessee permanently disbarred John Terence Tennyson from the practice of law and ordered him to pay restitution to his client in the amount of \$10,000.00 and pay all costs incurred to the Board of Professional Responsibility.

After a hearing upon the disciplinary petition, a Hearing Panel determined Mr. Tennyson knowingly and wrongfully retained funds belonging to his client in the amount of \$10,000.00 for his own financial benefit, knowingly refused to refund that amount to his client despite a written fee agreement requiring that the funds be immediately refunded, and knowingly deceived his client as to the process whereby she could receive payment of the misappropriated funds, thereby causing harm to his client.

Mr. Tennyson's actions and omissions violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.5 (fees), 1.15 (safekeeping property and funds), 1.16 (declining or terminating representation), and 8.4 (misconduct).

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE



IN RE: JOHN TERENCE TENNYSON, BPR #032777
An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee
(Wilson County)

No. M2022-00651-SC-BAR-BP
BOPR No. 2021-3182-4-JB

ORDER OF ENFORCEMENT

This matter is before the Court upon a Petition for Discipline filed against John Terence Tennyson on June 24, 2021; upon a Motion for Default Judgment and That Charges in Petition for Discipline Be Deemed Admitted, filed on September 29, 2021; upon entry of an Order for Default Judgment on October 18, 2021; upon a final hearing in this matter held on December 7, 2021; upon the Hearing Panel Report and Recommendation, including findings of fact and conclusions of law, entered on January 4, 2022; upon service of the Report and Recommendation of the Hearing Panel on Mr. Tennyson by the Executive Secretary of the Board on January 4, 2022; upon the Board of Professional Responsibility's filing its Application for Assessment of Costs on January 18, 2022; upon Findings and Judgment for Assessment of Costs entered on February 8, 2022; upon service of Findings and Judgment for Assessment of Costs by the Executive Secretary of the Board on February 9, 2022; upon consideration and approval by the Board on March 11, 2022; upon expiration of the appeal period with no appeal taken; and upon the entire record in this cause.

From all of which the Court approves the Report and Recommendation of the Hearing Panel and adopts the Hearing Panel's Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Judgment as the Court's Order.

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

(1) John Terence Tennyson is permanently disbarred from the practice of law pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct., R., § 12.1.

(2) John Terence Tennyson shall pay restitution to Complainant Yessica Solano in the amount of \$10,000.00, pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R., § 12.7. In the event restitution is made by the Tennessee Lawyer's Fund for Client Protection (TLFCP), Mr. Tennyson

shall reimburse TLFCP in the same amount.

(3) Mr. Tennyson shall comply in all aspects with Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 28, regarding the obligations and responsibilities of disbarred attorneys.

(4) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 31.3(d), Mr. Tennyson shall pay to the Board of Professional Responsibility the expenses and costs incurred to date by the Board in this matter in the amount of \$1,145.00. Mr. Tennyson shall be assessed \$100.00 for the cost of filing this matter and pay this filing fee to the Board and shall pay to the Clerk of this Court the court costs incurred herein. All costs, fees and expenses awarded or assessed herein shall be paid within ninety (90) days of the entry of this Order for which execution, if necessary, may issue.

(5) The Board of Professional Responsibility shall cause notice of this discipline to be published as required by Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 28.11.

(6) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 28.1, this Order shall be effective upon entry.

PER CURIAM