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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: WILLIAM H. THOMAS, JR., BPR# 005017
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October 5, 2012

MEMPHIS LAWYER CENSURED

On October 4, 2012, William H. Thomas, Jr. of Memphis, Tennessee, was Publicly Censured by the Tennessee Supreme Court pursuant to Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 4.4.

Mr. Thomas failed to abide by an order of the court requiring him to comply with discovery requests in a civil proceeding in which Mr. Thomas was a party.

By the aforementioned acts, William H. Thomas, Jr. has violated Rule of Professional Conduct 8.4(d) (engaging in conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice) and 8.4(g) (failing to comply with a final court order entered in a proceeding in which the lawyer is a party) and is hereby Publicly Censured for these violations.

A Public Censure is a rebuke and warning to the attorney, but it does not affect the attorney's ability to practice law.

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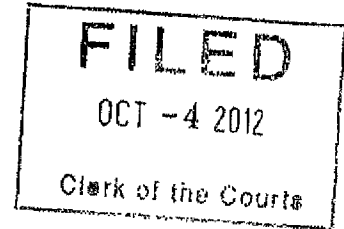
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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE

IN RE WILLIAM H. THOMAS, JR., BPR #005017
An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee
(Shelby County)

No. M2012-02052-SC-BPR-BP
BOPR No. 2010-1938-9-CM



ORDER OF ENFORCEMENT

This matter is before the Court upon a Petition for Discipline filed by the Board of Professional Responsibility against William H. Thomas, Jr. on June 10, 2010; upon an Answer to the Petition for Discipline filed by Mr. Thomas on July 1, 2010; upon a Conditional Guilty Plea executed by Mr. Thomas on August 24, 2012, and filed with the Board on August 28, 2012; upon an Order Recommending Approval of Conditional Guilty Plea entered by the Hearing Panel on September 6, 2012; upon the Board's approval of the Conditional Guilty Plea on September 21, 2012; and upon the entire record in this cause.

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

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

1. William H. Thomas, Jr. shall be and is hereby Publicly Censured pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 4.4.
2. Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 24.3, Mr. Thomas shall pay to the Board of Professional Responsibility the expenses and costs of this matter in the amount of \$839.37, 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.
3. The Board shall cause notice of this Public Censure to be published as required by Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 18.10.

FOR THE COURT:



WILLIAM C. KOCH, JR., JUSTICE