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KNOX COUNTY LAWYER DISBARRED AND ORDERED TO PAY RESTITUTION

On June 6, 2012, the Tennessee Supreme Court disbarred John Threadgill, a Knoxville attorney, and ordered restitution of \$266,183.40 to seven former clients.

The Board of Professional Responsibility filed a Petition for Discipline against Mr. Threadgill pursuant to Rule 9, Section 8.2, of the Rules of the Supreme Court of Tennessee. A Hearing Panel found Mr. Threadgill misappropriated client funds; neglected client matters; failed to communicate with clients; engaged in dishonesty, fraud, deceit or misrepresentation; and commingled client, personal and business funds.

Mr. Threadgill's actions violate Rules of Professional Conduct 1.1 (competence); 1.3 (diligence), 1.5 (fees); 1.15 (safeguarding funds); 1.16 (terminating representation) and 8.4 (misconduct).

Mr. Threadgill 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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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE AT NASHVILLE

IN RE JOHN O. THREADGILL, BPR # 001102

An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee (Knox County)

No. E2012-00263-SC-R3-BP BOPR No. 2009-1848-2-RS JUN - 6 2012

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ORDER OF ENFORCEMENT

This matter is before the Court upon a Petition for Discipline filed on September, 10, 2009 by the Board of Professional Responsibility ("Board") against John O. Threadgill in Docket No. 2009-1848-2-RS; upon the Board's Supplemental Petition for Discipline filed October 6, 2009; upon Mr. Threadgill's Response filed October 23, 2009; upon Mr. Threadgill's Response to Supplemental Petition for Discipline filed November 3, 2009; upon the Judgment of the Hearing Panel filed March 22, 2011; upon Mr. Threadgill's Petition for Writ of Certiorari filed in Chancery Court for Knox County, on May 18, 2011; upon the Board's Response to Petition for Writ of Certiorari filed June 3, 2011; upon the Board's Motion to Dismiss for Failure to Prosecute filed August 29, 2011; upon the Knox County Chancery Court Amended Order filed January 24, 2012; granting the Board's Motion to Dismiss; upon Mr. Threadgill's Notice of Appeal filed February 3, 2012; upon this Court's April 24, 2012 Order and this Court's May 17, 2012 Order; and upon the entire record in this cause.

From all of which the Court approves the Judgment of the Hearing Panel and adopts the Judgment of the Hearing Panel as the Court's Order.

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

1. John O. Threadgill is disbarred and as a condition precedent to any subsequent reinstatement should be required to pay restitution as follows:

| Kathy Norwood | \$136,000.00 |
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| Patricia Buchanan | \$17,000.00 |
| John Nichols | \$15,000.00 |
| Fonda Barnes | \$8,352.91 |
| Dr. Jack Scariano | \$50,500.00 |
| Matt Prince | \$13,330.49 |
| Alesha Grayson | \$26,000.00 |

- 2. The disbarment shall become effective ten (10) days after the filing of this Order.
- 3. Mr. Threadgill shall comply in all aspects with Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 18 and 19 regarding the obligations and responsibilities of disbarred attorneys and the procedure for reinstatement.
- 4. Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 24.3, Mr. Threadgill shall pay to the Board of Professional Responsibility the expenses and costs of this matter in the amount of \$5,356.30 and, in addition, shall pay to the Clerk of this Court the costs ordered herein, within ninety (90) days of the entry of this Order, for all of which execution may issue if necessary.
- 5. 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

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