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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: MICHAEL R. TUCKER, BPR# 10650
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February 5, 2013

SHELBY COUNTY LAWYER SUSPENDED

On February 4, 2013, Michael R. Tucker, of Memphis, Tennessee, was suspended from the practice of law by Order of the Tennessee Supreme Court for five (5) years. Mr. Tucker was ordered to pay restitution to John T. Baker, or to the Lawyer's Fund for Client Protection, if appropriate, in the amount of \$66,667.67. Finally, Mr. Tucker must pay the Board's costs and expenses and the court costs within ninety days of the entry of the Order of Enforcement.

A Petition for Discipline was filed on December 16, 2010, alleging that Mr. Tucker failed to disburse settlement funds to a client, converted the funds for his personal use and benefit, made misrepresentations to the client about repayment of the money, and failed to communicate with the client in a reasonable manner. Mr. Tucker entered into a Conditional Guilty Plea admitting to the misconduct.

Mr. Tucker's actions violated RPC 1.4(a) (communication), 1.15 (fees), 4.1(a) (Truthfulness in Statements to Others), and 8.4(a),(c), and (d) (misconduct).

Mr. Tucker must comply with the requirements of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Sections 18 and 19, regarding the obligations and responsibilities of suspended attorneys.

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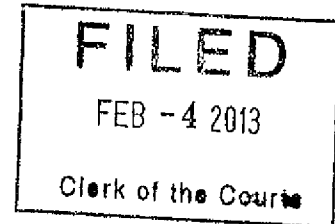
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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE

IN RE MICHAEL R. TUCKER, BPR# 10650
An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee
(Shelby County)

No. M2013-00357-SC-BPR-BP

BOPR No. 2010-2000-9-CM



ORDER OF ENFORCEMENT

This matter is before the Court upon a Petition for Discipline filed against Mr. Tucker on December 16, 2010; upon an Answer to Petition for Discipline filed on January 12, 2011; upon Mr. Tucker's Conditional Guilty Plea entered on December 14, 2012; upon the Hearing Panel's Order Recommending Approval of Conditional Guilty Plea filed on January 24, 2013; upon the Board's consideration and approval of the conditional guilty plea on January 30, 2013; and upon the entire record in this cause.

From all of which the Court approves the Hearing Panel's Order of Recommendation of Conditional Guilty Plea and adopts the same as the Court's Order.

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

(1) The Respondent, Michael R. Tucker, is suspended for five (5) years pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9 § 4.2. Further, Mr. Tucker is ordered to pay restitution to John T. Baker, or to the Lawyer's Fund for Client Protection, if appropriate, in the amount of \$66,667.67. Mr. Tucker shall make payments directly to Mr. Baker and provide proof to the Board of each payment according to the payment schedule as follows:

(a) Monthly payments in the amount of \$250.00, beginning on January 2, 2013, for twenty-four (24) consecutive months. Payments are due by the last day of each month.

(b) Beginning on January 2, 2015, consecutive monthly payments in the amount of \$500.00 for the remaining duration of his suspension period. Payments are due by the last day of each month.

(c) Full payment of the remaining balance shall be due at the end of Mr. Tucker's five-year suspension period. Nothing herein shall prevent Mr. Tucker from making full and total payment prior to the expiration of his suspension period. Further, nothing herein shall prevent Mr. Baker from pursuing legal action against Mr. Tucker for other amounts due and owing.

(d) Failure by Mr. Tucker to make regular monthly payments as agreed to in this Conditional Guilty Plea may result in further disciplinary action or contempt proceedings.

(2) Additionally, Mr. Tucker shall comply in all aspects with Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, §§ 18 and 19 regarding the obligations and responsibilities of suspended attorneys and the procedure for reinstatement. Mr. Tucker must meet all CLE requirements and all registration requirements prior to reinstatement.

(3) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 18.5, this Order shall be effective ten (10) days after the date of entry.

(4) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 24.3, Mr. Tucker shall pay to the Board of Professional Responsibility the expenses and costs of this matter in the amount of \$506.67 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.

(5) The Board of Professional Responsibility shall cause notice of this discipline to be published as required by Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 18.10.

FOR THE COURT:

Cornelia A. Clark
CORNELIA A. CLARK, JUSTICE