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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: ANTHONY W. TURNER, BPR# 15058
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July 30, 2010

CROSSVILLE LAWYER DISBARRED

On July 27, 2010, Anthony W. Turner, of Crossville, Tennessee, was disbarred by the Tennessee Supreme Court. He was ordered to provide restitution to seven (7) clients.

On November 24, 2009, a Petition for Discipline was filed against Mr. Turner containing fourteen (14) complaints of disciplinary misconduct. Mr. Turner did not file an answer to the petition and an Order of Default was entered. On April 31, 2010, a hearing was held to determine the appropriate disciplinary sanction. Mr. Turner committed disciplinary misconduct by abandoning his law practice. Mr. Turner accepted legal fees from clients and then failed to perform any work. In one case, the client paid Mr. Turner \$10,000.00 to file an appeal which he failed to do. Mr. Turner accepted legal fees from clients and then failed to appear at any hearings on behalf of those clients. Mr. Turner knowingly delayed payment of settlement proceeds to medical providers. Finally, Mr. Turner and a client fraudulently enticed three (3) complainants to make temporary loans to the client in exchange for a substantial return on the loan. Mr. Turner provided false information to the complainants regarding the source and accessibility of the funds available for repayment.

Mr. Turner's actions violate the following Rules of Professional Conduct: 1.1, Competence; 1.3, Diligence; 1.4, Communication; 1.5, Fees; 1.16, Declining and Terminating Representation; 3.2, Expediting Litigation; 8.1, Bar Admission and Disciplinary Matters; and 8.4, Misconduct.

Mr. Turner must comply with Sections 18 and 19 of Supreme Court Rule 9 regarding the obligations and responsibilities of disbarred attorneys and the procedure for reinstatement. He must pay the Board's costs and expenses prior to reinstatement to the practice of law.

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IN RE: ANTHONY W. TURNER, BPR #15058
An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee
(Cumberland County)

CLERK
NASHVILLE

NO. M2010-01598-SC-BPR-BP
BOPR No. 2009-1864-4-KH

ORDER OF ENFORCEMENT

This matter is before the Court upon a Petition for Discipline filed on November 29, 2009 by the Board of Professional Responsibility ("Board") against Anthony W. Turner ("Respondent"); upon a Motion for Default and That Allegations Be Deemed Admitted filed by the Board January 28, 2010; upon an Order of Default entered on March 26, 2010; upon a hearing held on April 31, 2010, which Respondent did not attend; upon Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law entered by the Hearing Panel on May 14, 2010, which have not been appealed; upon approval of the Board given on June 11, 2010; and upon the entire record in this cause.

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

By Order entered March 16, 2009 (M2009-00535-SC-BPR-BP), Respondent was temporarily suspended pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 4.3, for failing to respond to two (2) of the disciplinary complaints incorporated into this Petition for Discipline. He has not filed a petition to dissolve the temporary suspension.

It is therefore, **ORDERED, ADJUDGED** and **DECREED** by the Court that:

1. Respondent, Anthony W. Turner, be and is hereby disbarred pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 4.1.
2. Pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 4.7, Respondent shall pay restitution to the following individuals as set forth below. Payment of restitution shall be a condition precedent to reinstatement.

- a) John Wilson (\$2,400.00);
- b) Brand y Smith (\$1,500.00);
- c) Joshua Davis (\$2,000.00);
- d) Gregor y Zerillo (\$3,000.00);
- e) Joyce Stone (\$10,000.00);
- f) Betty Roberts (\$990.00); and
- g) Mabel Rakowski (total fees paid to Respondent but not refunded as of the date of the Order).

3. Upon entry of this Order, the Order of Temporary Suspension entered on March 16, 2009 is hereby dissolved. Further, Respondent must meet all CLE requirements prior to reinstatement.

4. The disbarment shall become effective ten (10) days after the filing of this Order.

5. Respondent shall comply in all aspects with Supreme Court Rule 9, Sections 18 and 19 regarding the obligations and responsibilities of disbarred attorneys and the procedure for reinstatement.

6. Pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 24.3, the Respondent shall pay to the Board of Professional Responsibility the expenses and costs of this matter in the amount of \$1,340.00 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.

7. The Board shall cause notice of this disbarment to be published as required by Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 18.10.

FOR THE COURT:

Cornelia A. Clark
CORNELIA A. CLARK
JUSTICE

Michael W. Catalano, Clerk, hereby certify that this is a true and exact copy of the original

Order
filed in the cause.
This 27 day of July, 2010
CLERK OF COURT

By: Michael W. Catalano C.