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**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**  
**RE: CHRISTOPHER PAUL WESTMORELAND, BPR #024789**  
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**BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY**  
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October 16, 2019

**BEDFORD COUNTY LAWYER SUSPENDED**

On October 16, 2019, the Supreme Court of Tennessee entered an order suspending Christopher Paul Westmoreland from the practice of law for nine (9) months, with one (1) month active suspension and the remainder on probation, pursuant to Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 12.2, and the payment to the Board for all costs in the disciplinary proceeding.

Mr. Westmoreland admitted to violating the Rules of Professional Conduct in two client matters. In the first complaint, Mr. Westmoreland represented a client injured in an accident. Mr. Westmoreland filed the complaint after the statute of limitations had expired. Defense counsel discovered the statute of limitations had passed and filed a motion to dismiss. Because Mr. Westmoreland missed the statute of limitations, the case was dismissed. In the second complaint, Mr. Westmoreland represented a client in appealing a general sessions judgment to circuit court. Mr. Westmoreland failed to appear at mediation and trial, and failed to notify his client of the date, time, and location of the trial. When neither Mr. Westmoreland nor his client appeared for trial, judgment was taken against his client.

Mr. Westmoreland has admitted that he violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.1 (Competence), 1.3 (Diligence), 1.4 (Communication), 3.4(c) (Fairness to Opposing Counsel); and 8.4(a) and (d) (Misconduct).

Mr. Westmoreland must comply with the requirements of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Sections 28 and 30.4, regarding the obligations and responsibilities of suspended attorneys and the procedure for reinstatement.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE  
AT NASHVILLE

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Appellate Courts

**IN RE: CHRISTOPHER PAUL WESTMORELAND, BPR #024789**  
An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee  
(Bedford County)

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**No. M2019-01782-SC-BAR-BP**  
BOPR No. 2018-2942-4-AJ

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**ORDER OF ENFORCEMENT**

This matter is before the Court upon a Petition for Discipline filed against Christopher Paul Westmoreland on November 28, 2018; upon Answer to Petition for Discipline filed by Mr. Westmoreland on January 8, 2019; upon entry of a Conditional Guilty Plea filed by Mr. Westmoreland on August 2, 2019; upon an Order Recommending Approval of Conditional Guilty Plea entered on August 5, 2019; upon service of the Order Recommending Approval of Conditional Guilty Plea by the Executive Secretary of the Board dated August 5, 2019; upon consideration and approval by the Board on September 13, 2019; and upon the entire record in this cause.

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

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

(1) Christopher Paul Westmoreland is suspended from the practice of law for nine (9) months, pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.2, with one (1) month active suspension and the remainder on probation, subject to the following conditions of probation:

- (a) Mr. Westmoreland, at his cost, shall engage a practice monitor who shall be selected and approved in accordance with Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.9(c). The practice monitor shall meet with Mr. Westmoreland monthly and assess his case load, timeliness of tasks, adequacy of communication with his clients, and his accounting procedures. The practice monitor shall provide a monthly written report of Mr. Westmoreland's progress to Disciplinary Counsel.

(b) During the period of active suspension and probation, Mr. Westmoreland shall incur no new complaints of misconduct that relate to conduct occurring during the period of suspension and probation and which results in the recommendation by the Board that discipline be imposed.

(2) In the event Mr. Westmoreland fails to meet any condition of probation, the probation may be revoked pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 14.2.

(3) Prior to seeking reinstatement, Mr. Westmoreland must have met all CLE requirements; have remitted all outstanding registration fees and outstanding professional privilege taxes, including those due from the date of this suspension until the date of reinstatement; and have remitted all court costs and Board costs in this matter.

(4) Additionally, Mr. Westmoreland shall comply in all aspects with Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, §§ 28 and 30.4, regarding the obligations and responsibilities of suspended attorneys and the procedure for reinstatement.

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

(6) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 31.3(d), Mr. Westmoreland shall pay to the Board of Professional Responsibility the expenses and costs of this matter in the amount of \$1,591.69 and 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 of Professional Responsibility shall cause notice of this discipline to be published as required by Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 28.11.

PER CURIAM