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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: HAL WILKES WILKINS, BPR #17830
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July 23, 2014

DAVIDSON COUNTY LAWYER DISBARRED

On July 22, 2014, Hal Wilkes Wilkins, of Nashville, Tennessee, was disbarred from the practice of law by Order of the Tennessee Supreme Court. Mr. Wilkins was ordered to pay restitution to two (2) former clients, or to the Lawyer's Fund for Client Protection, if appropriate, in the amount of \$3,500.00. Finally, Mr. Wilkins must pay the Board's costs and expenses and the court costs.

A Petition for Discipline was filed on January 2, 2014, and involves two (2) complaints of misconduct. Mr. Wilkins was retained to represent a client on two charges in the Davidson County General Sessions Court and was paid a retainer to represent the client in both cases. After the first hearing, Mr. Wilkins failed to communicate with his client. The client had to retain another lawyer who was able to continue the representation.

In another case, Mr. Wilkins failed to respond to discovery and ceased communicating with his client. Mr. Wilkins never responded to Disciplinary Counsel regarding these complaints and did not respond to the Petition for Discipline.

Mr. Wilkins' actions violated RPC 1.3 (Diligence), 1.4 (communication), 1.5 (fees), 1.16(d) Declining or Terminating Representation, and 8.1(b) Bar Admission and Disciplinary Matters. Mr. Wilkins must comply with the requirements of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 18 (2006) and Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 30.4 (2014), regarding the obligations and responsibilities of disbarred attorneys.

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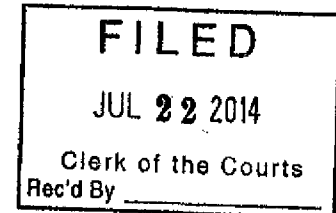
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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE

IN RE: HAL WILKES WILKINS, BPR #17830
An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee
(Davidson County)

No. M2014-01300-SC-BAR-BP
BOPR No. 2013-2283-5-AJ



ORDER OF ENFORCEMENT

This matter is before the Court upon a Petition for Discipline filed against Hal Wilkes Wilkins on January 2, 2014; upon Motion for Default and that Allegations Contained in the Petition for Discipline be Deemed Admitted filed on March 4, 2014; upon Order of Default entered on April 9, 2014; upon the Judgment of the Hearing Panel entered on April 30, 2014; upon service of the Judgment of the Hearing Panel on Mr. Wilkins by the Executive Secretary of the Board on April 30, 2014; upon consideration and approval by the Board on June 13, 2014; upon expiration of the appeal period with no appeal taken; and upon the entire record in this cause.¹

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

On December 2, 2013, Mr. Wilkins was temporarily suspended by this Court pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 4.3 (Case No. M2013-02600-SC-BAR-BP). To date, Mr. Wilkins has not requested nor been granted reinstatement.

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

(1) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 4.1 (2006) and Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.1 (2014), Hal Wilkes Wilkins is disbarred from the practice of law.

¹Because this cause was initiated prior to January 1, 2014, it is governed by the pre-2014 version of Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9 (2006) except as otherwise noted.

(2) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 4.7, and as a condition precedent to any reinstatement, Mr. Wilkins shall make restitution to the following individuals. In the event restitution is made by the Tennessee Lawyer's Fund for Client Protection (TLFCP), Mr. Wilkins shall reimburse TLFCP in the same amount:

- (a) John Edward McTigue, \$1,000.00
- (b) Stephen Aderon, \$2,500.00

(3) Additionally, Mr. Wilkins shall comply in all aspects with Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, §18 (2006) and Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, §30.4 (2014) regarding the obligations and responsibilities of disbarred attorneys.

(4) Further, the Order of Temporary Suspension entered on December 2, 2013, in Case No. M2013-02600-SC-BAR-BP is hereby dissolved.

(5) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 18.5 (2006), this Order shall be effective ten (10) days after the date of entry.

(6) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 24.3 (2006), Mr. Wilkins shall pay to the Board of Professional Responsibility the expenses and costs of this matter in the amount of \$745.59 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, § 18.10 (2006).

FOR THE COURT:



CORNELIA A. CLARK, JUSTICE