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**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**  
**RE: HAL WILKES WILKINS, BPR #017830**  
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**BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY**  
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June 7, 2018

**DAVIDSON COUNTY LAWYER SUSPENDED**

On June 6, 2018, Hal Wilkes Wilkins, of Nashville, Tennessee, was suspended for one year from the practice of law, effective immediately, by Order of the Tennessee Supreme Court. Mr. Wilkins must pay the Board's costs and expenses and the court costs within ninety days of the entry of the Order of Enforcement.

The Board filed a Petition for Discipline arising from one complaint of ethical misconduct alleging that Mr. Wilkins, who was disbarred on July 22, 2014, and again on January 28, 2015, sought and opened a lawyer's trust account during the period of disbarment. Mr. Wilkins held himself out as a lawyer admitted to practice in this jurisdiction in violation of Rules of Professional Conduct 5.5 (unauthorized practice of law) and Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 18 (2006) and Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 30.4 (2014) which require disbarred lawyers to "take such action as is necessary to cause the removal of any indicia of lawyer, counselor at law, legal assistant, law clerk, or similar title."

The Court ordered Mr. Wilkins to close the bank account within thirty (30) days, or be subject to contempt proceedings.

Mr. Wilkins must comply with the requirements of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Sections 28 and 30, regarding the obligations and responsibilities of suspended attorneys and may not return to the active practice of law until an order of reinstatement has been entered by the Supreme Court.

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE  
AT NASHVILLE

**IN RE: HAL WILKES WILKINS, BPR #017830**

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

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**No. M2018-00964-SC-BAR-BP**  
BOPR No. 2017-2707-5-AJ

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**ORDER OF ENFORCEMENT**

This matter is before the Court upon a Petition for Discipline filed against Hal Wilkes Wilkins on April 24, 2017; upon a Motion for Default Judgment and that Charges in Petition for Discipline be Deemed Admitted filed August 22, 2017; upon an Order for Default Judgment entered November 30, 2017; upon a hearing on January 16, 2018; upon the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law entered February 13, 2018; upon service of the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law of the Hearing Panel on Mr. Wilkins by the Executive Secretary of the Board on February 13, 2018; upon the Board's Application for Assessment of Costs filed February 15, 2018; upon the Hearing Panel's Findings and Judgment For Assessment of Costs entered March 5, 2018; upon service of the Hearing Panel's Findings and Judgment For Assessment of Costs on Mr. Wilkins by the Executive Secretary of the Board on March 5, 2018; upon consideration and approval by the Board on March 9, 2018; upon expiration of the appeal period with no appeal taken; and upon the entire record in this cause.

By Order entered on July 22, 2014, Mr. Wilkins was disbarred by this Court pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 4.1 (2006) and Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.1 (2014) (Case No. M2014-01300-SC-BAR-BP). By Order entered on January 28, 2015, Mr. Wilkins was disbarred by this Court pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 4.1 (2006) and Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.1 (2014) (Case No. M2015-00118-SC-BAR-BP). Mr. Wilkins has not been reinstated from either disbarment.

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

(1) Hal Wilkes Wilkins is suspended from the practice of law for one (1) year, pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.2.

(2) Mr. Wilkins shall have thirty (30) days to close his IOLTA account at First Tennessee Bank. Should Mr. Wilkins fail to close his account within thirty days of the filing of this Order, he will be subject to contempt proceedings.

(3) Prior to seeking reinstatement, Mr. Wilkins 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 as well as payment of any outstanding restitution.

(4) Additionally, Mr. Wilkins 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. Wilkins shall pay to the Board of Professional Responsibility the expenses and costs of this matter in the amount of \$1,232.00 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 (2014).

PER CURIAM