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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: FRED AUSTON WORTMAN, III, BPR #24808
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December 7, 2015

SHELBY COUNTY LAWYER DISBARRED

On December 4, 2015, the Tennessee Supreme Court disbarred Fred Auston Wortman, III, from the practice of law. Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 23 (2014), the disbarment was entered with the consent of Mr. Wortman as evidenced by his affidavit indicating Mr. Wortman cannot successfully defend himself against the charges alleged in three complaints of misconduct pending before the Board of Professional Responsibility. Mr. Wortman conceded that he had violated Rule of Professional Conduct 8.4.

On June 23, 2015, the Supreme Court of Tennessee temporarily suspended Fred Auston Wortman, III, from the practice of law upon finding that Mr. Wortman posed a threat of substantial harm to the public. Mr. Wortman's temporary suspension was dissolved by the December 4, 2015, Order of Enforcement.

Mr. Wortman must comply with the requirements of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Sections 28 and 30 (2014), regarding the obligations and responsibilities of disbarred attorneys. Mr. Wortman is required to pay the costs of this proceeding to the Court and to the Board of Professional Responsibility.

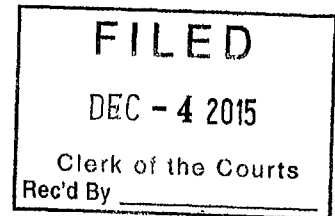
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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE

IN RE: FRED AUSTON WORTMAN, III, BPR #24808

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

No. M2015-02299-SC-BAR-BP
BOPR No. 2015-2519-9-KH(23)



ORDER OF ENFORCEMENT

This cause is before the Court upon a Notice of Submission filed by the Board of Professional Responsibility providing notice pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 22 of a serious crime, and pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9 § 23 of the affidavit of Fred Auston Wortman, III, consenting to disbarment. Mr. Wortman is an attorney licensed to practice law in the State of Tennessee and is subject to the disciplinary jurisdiction of the Supreme Court of Tennessee, pursuant to Rule 9 of the Rules of the Supreme Court of Tennessee.

It appears to the Court that Fred Auston Wortman, III, has delivered to the Board of Professional Responsibility an affidavit in compliance with Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 23.1. Mr. Wortman has consented to disbarment because he cannot successfully defend himself against the charges alleged in Board File Nos. 40059-9-PS, 41734-9-PS, and 41957-9-PS, which are pending against him. It is conceded that Mr. Wortman has violated Rule 8.4 of the Rules of Professional Conduct.

On June 23, 2015, Mr. Wortman was temporarily suspended by this Court pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.3, for posing a threat of substantial harm to the public. (Case No. M2015-01153-SC-BAR-BP). Mr. Wortman has not requested, nor been granted, reinstatement.

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

1. Fred Auston Wortman, III, is hereby disbarred from the practice of law in Tennessee.
2. This Order of Enforcement shall be a matter of public record.
3. Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 23.3, the affidavit filed by Fred Auston

Wortman, III, shall not be publicly disclosed or made available for use in any other proceeding except upon further Order of this Court.

4. The Board of Professional Responsibility shall cause notice of this disbarment to be published in accordance with Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 28.11.
5. Upon entry of this Order, the Order of Temporary Suspension entered June 23, 2015, is hereby dissolved.
6. Fred Auston Wortman, III, shall comply with the requirements and obligations of disbarred attorneys as established in Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 28.
7. Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 31, Mr. Wortman shall pay to the Board of Professional Responsibility the expenses and costs of this matter in the amount of \$185.16 within ninety (90) days of the date of the entry of this Order, and in addition, shall pay to the Clerk of this Court the costs incurred herein, for all of which execution may issue if necessary.

PER CURIAM
