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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: WILLIAM E. GIBSON, BPR #12636
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PUTNAM COUNTY LAWYER REINSTATED

On March 24, 2016, the Supreme Court of Tennessee reinstated William E. Gibson to the practice of law effective immediately. Mr. Gibson had been disbarred by the Supreme Court of Tennessee on March 20, 2009. Mr. Gibson filed a Petition for Reinstatement to the practice of law pursuant to Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 30.4(d) (2014).

A Hearing Panel found that Mr. Gibson complied with the terms and conditions of his disbarment, and further found that he had demonstrated the moral qualifications, competency and learning in the law required for the practice of law, and that his resumption of the practice of law will not be detrimental to the integrity or standing of the bar or administration of justice, or subversive to the public interest. Based upon the Hearing Panel's recommendation, the Supreme Court reinstated Mr. Gibson's license to practice law. As conditions of his reinstatement, Mr. Gibson must have a practice monitor, continue counseling and attend the Tennessee Law Institute Annual Review, all for five years.

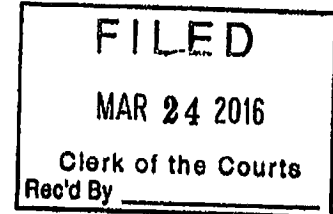
Mr. Gibson must pay the costs of the reinstatement proceeding.

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE

IN RE: WILLIAM E. GIBSON, BPR #12636
(Putnam County)

No. M2009-00608-SC-BPO-BP
BOPR No. 2015-2415-4-KH(30.4d)



ORDER OF REINSTATEMENT

This matter is before the Court, pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 30.4(d), upon a Petition for Reinstatement filed on January 12, 2015, by the Petitioner, William E. Gibson. Mr. Gibson was disbarred from the practice of law by Order of this Court on March 20, 2009. On November 4, 2015, the Hearing Panel entered its Report and Recommendation of the Hearing Panel recommending that Mr. Gibson be reinstated with conditions. On February 5, 2016, the Hearing Panel entered its Agreed Order Granting Joint Motion to Alter or Amend. The Report and Recommendation of the Hearing Panel was considered and approved by the Board on December 11, 2015.

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

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

1. The Petitioner, William E. Gibson, is hereby reinstated to the practice of law in the State of Tennessee pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 30.4(d), subject to the following conditions:

- a. Mr. Gibson shall engage, at his expense, a practice monitor approved by the Board for a period of five (5) years. The practice monitor shall assist Mr. Gibson in avoiding ethical dilemmas of the type he encountered that led to his disbarment and provide periodic reports to the Board as deemed necessary by Disciplinary Counsel and the practice monitor. Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.9(c), Mr. Gibson shall within fifteen (15) days of entry of this Order of Reinstatement provide to the Board a list of three (3) proposed practice monitors from whom the Board shall designate a practice monitor.

- b. Mr. Gibson shall attend the Tennessee Law Institute Annual Review Seminar each year for the next five (5) years.
- c. Mr. Gibson shall continue his counseling sessions with Dr. John B. Averitt or another licensed mental health professional on at least a quarterly basis for a period of five (5) years and present proof of his attendance to the Board.

2. Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 24.3, Mr. Gibson shall pay to the Board of Professional Responsibility the expenses and costs of this matter in the amount of \$2,098.32, 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.

3. The Board of Professional Responsibility shall cause notice of this reinstatement to be published as required by Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 28.11.

PER CURIAM