

BEFORE THE ARKANSAS SUPREME COURT  
COMMITTEE ON PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT  
PANEL A

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IN RE: KATHLEEN L. CALDWELL  
ARKANSAS BAR ID #82187  
CPC Docket No. 2009-051

FINDINGS AND ORDER OF RECIPROCAL SUSPENSION

The formal charges of misconduct upon which this Order is premised arose from the information obtained from the Supreme Court of Tennessee. The information was received in the Office of Professional Conduct on April 10, 2009, following request made by the staff of the Office of Professional Conduct. The information first came to the attention of the Office of Professional Conduct through a Suspension Notice sent by an individual.

The Committee on Professional Conduct (Committee) has been provided the Order filed with the Supreme Court of Tennessee which was entered of record on March 24, 2009. (Certified copy of the Order is attached hereto as Exhibit "A"). As a result of that Order, Kathleen L. Caldwell, an attorney practicing primarily in Memphis, Tennessee, was suspended from the practice of law in the State of Tennessee for a period of twenty-four (24) months with six (6) months being served as an active suspension and the remaining eighteen (18) months being served on probation.

The Order filed with the Supreme Court of Tennessee revealed that Ms. Caldwell entered into a Conditional Guilty Plea in exchange for the suspension of her law license.

Pursuant to Section 14.A. of the Procedures of the Arkansas Supreme Court Regulating Professional Conduct of Attorneys at Law (2002), the suspension of any person from the practice of law in any other state shall operate as a suspension of such person from the practice of law in this State under any license issued to such person by the Arkansas Supreme Court prior to his or her suspension

in such other state. Upon presentation of a certified order or other proper document of a tribunal or corresponding disciplinary authority of another jurisdiction evidencing suspension, the Committee by summary proceedings shall cause a like sanction to be imposed and shall notify the Clerk of such action. Notice of the Committee's action shall be sent to the attorney's mailing address of record with the Clerk.

Ms. Caldwell was suspended from the practice of law in Tennessee by Order of the Supreme Court of Tennessee entered on March 24, 2009. She was licensed to practice law in the State of Arkansas on November 8, 1982. These dates demonstrate that the license in Arkansas was granted to Ms. Caldwell many years before her suspension was imposed in the State of Tennessee.

Upon consideration of the certified Order from the Supreme Court of Tennessee at Nashville and the Procedures of the Arkansas Supreme Court Regulating the Professional Conduct of Attorneys at Law, the Committee on Professional Conduct, Panel A, finds:

1. That Ms. Caldwell was actively suspended for a period of six (6) months from the practice of law in the State of Tennessee effective March 24, 2009.
2. That Ms. Caldwell was licensed to practice law in the State of Arkansas on November 8, 1982, which is prior to the date of her suspension in the State of Tennessee.
3. That pursuant to the mandate of Section 14 of the Procedures of the Arkansas Supreme Court Regulating Professional Conduct of Attorneys at Law (2002), the Committee is imposing a like suspension of six (6) months on Ms. Caldwell's license to practice law in the State of Arkansas effective as of the date this Findings and Order is filed with the Clerk of the Arkansas Supreme Court.

WHEREFORE, it is the decision and order of the Arkansas Supreme Court Committee on Professional Conduct, through Panel A, that KATHLEEN LAIRD CALDWELL, Arkansas Bar ID

#82187 be, and hereby is, RECIPROCALLY SUSPENDED for a period of SIX (6) MONTHS. The suspension shall be effective as of the date this Order is filed with the Clerk of the Arkansas Supreme Court. Ms. Caldwell shall not be reinstated to the practice of law in Arkansas until a Petition for Reinstatement has been granted by a Panel of the Committee on Professional Conduct.

ARKANSAS SUPREME COURT COMMITTEE  
ON PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT

By: Steven Shults  
Steven Shults, Chair, Panel A

Date: May 22, 2009