

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE

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Appellate Courts

IN RE: BENJAMIN SETH ADAMS, BPR No. 033184

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

No. M2026-01303-SC-BAR-BP

ORDER OF ENFORCEMENT

This matter is before the Court upon a Petition for Discipline filed against Benjamin Seth Adams (hereinafter “Mr. Adams”) on June 24, 2025; upon Mr. Adams’ Answer to Petition for Discipline filed on July 23, 2025; upon a Supplemental Petition for Discipline filed against Mr. Adams on October 2, 2025, upon Mr. Adams’ Answer to Supplemental Petition for Discipline filed on October 30, 2025, upon the Conditional Guilty Plea filed by Mr. Adams on June 11, 2026; upon the Hearing Panel’s Order Recommending Approval of the Conditional Guilty Plea on June 15, 2026; upon consideration and approval of the Conditional Guilty Plea by the Board on August 11, 2026; and upon the entire record in this cause.

From all of which, the Court approves and adopts the Hearing Panel’s Order Recommending Approval of Conditional Guilty Plea as the Court’s Order.

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

(1) Mr. Adams is suspended from the practice of law for one (1) year pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.2, with ninety (90) days to be served as an active suspension, and the remainder shall, following successful reinstatement, be served on probation, pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, §14.1, subject to the following conditions:

- (a) During the period of active suspension and probation, Mr. Adams shall incur no new complaints of misconduct that relate to conduct occurring during the period of suspension and probation, which result in the recommendation by the Board that discipline be imposed. In the event that Mr. Adams violates or otherwise fails to meet said conditions of probation, Disciplinary Counsel shall be authorized to file a petition to revoke Mr. Adams’ probation pursuant to Tenn. Sup.

Ct. R. 9, § 14.2. Upon finding that revocation is warranted, Mr. Adams shall serve the previously deferred period of suspension.

- (b) Mr. Adams, at his cost, if any, shall engage the services of a Practice Monitor during any period of probation following successful reinstatement. The Practice Monitor shall be selected and approved in accordance with Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.9(c). Mr. Adams shall, in utilizing a Practice Monitor, comply with all requirements as contained in Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.9(c). The Practice Monitor shall meet with Mr. Adams monthly and assess his managerial and supervisory practices and procedures, case load, case management, timeliness of performing tasks, adequacy of communication with clients, and accounting procedures. The Practice Monitor shall provide a monthly written report of Mr. Adams' progress to Disciplinary Counsel.
- (c) Mr. Adams, at his cost, shall attend the Board of Professional Responsibility's ethics workshop.

(2) As a condition precedent to filing a Petition seeking reinstatement to the active practice of law, Mr. Adams shall: (i) have met all CLE requirements, (ii) have paid all registration fees and all professional privilege taxes due and owing, including those due on the date of this suspension until the date of reinstatement, (iii) have paid all Board costs assessed in this matter, (iv) have paid all court costs taxed in this matter, (v) have paid complete restitution to Edward LaBine (\$500.00) and Tina Taylor (\$4,000.00) and (vi) have complied with all the terms and conditions of the Order of Enforcement entered by the Supreme Court of Tennessee approving this Conditional Guilty Plea.

(3) Mr. Adams 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.

(4) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 31.3(d), Mr. Adams shall pay to the Board the expenses and costs incurred to date by the Board in this matter in the amount of \$2,584.00, which includes \$100.00 for the costs of filing this matter and pay this filing fee to the Board and shall pay to the Clerk of this Court the court costs incurred herein. All costs, fees, and expenses awarded or assessed herein shall be paid within thirty (30) days of the entry of this Order, for which execution, if necessary, may issue.

(5) The Board shall cause notice of this discipline to be published as required by the Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 28.11.

- (6) Pursuant to Tenn Sup. Ct. R. 9, §28.1, this Order shall be effective upon entry.

PER CURIAM