

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE  
AT KNOXVILLE  
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**DOUGLAS RALPH BEIER v. BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL  
RESPONSIBILITY OF THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE**

**Chancery Court for Hamblen County  
No. 2018-CV-177**

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**No. E2019-00463-SC-R3-BP**

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**JUDGMENT**

This attorney disciplinary case was heard on direct appeal as of right from the Chancery Court for Hamblen County. We have reviewed the entire record, the briefs, and heard argument of the Appellant attorney and of counsel. We affirm the chancery court's affirmation of the hearing panel's findings of fact and conclusions regarding rule violations and the aggravating and mitigating factors. In light of the seriousness of the attorney's rule violations, we also affirm the chancery court's decision to increase the sanction imposed by the hearing panel, to a two-year suspension of the attorney's law license.

In accordance with the opinion filed herein, the decision of the chancery court is affirmed. Costs on appeal are to be taxed to Douglas Ralph Beier, for which execution may issue, if necessary.

It is so ORDERED.

PER CURIAM