

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE

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IN RE: GEORGE COOPER BELL, BPR #023223
An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee
(Huntersville, North Carolina)

No. M2019-01920-SC-BAR-BP
BOPR No. 2019-3045-0-BL-25

ORDER OF RECIPROCAL DISCIPLINE

This matter is before the Court pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 25, upon a Notice of Submission filed by the Board of Professional Responsibility (“Board”) consisting of a certified copy of a public reprimand issued by the Grievance Committee of the North Carolina State Bar on August 7, 2019, reprimanding George Cooper Bell.

On October 28, 2019, this Court entered a Notice of Reciprocal Discipline requiring Mr. Bell to inform this Court within thirty (30) days of receipt of the Notice why reciprocal discipline should not be imposed in Tennessee pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 25.4 or, in the absence of a response demonstrating the grounds set forth in Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 25.4, the Supreme Court of Tennessee will impose a similar discipline with identical terms and conditions based upon the public reprimand issued by the Grievance Committee of the North Carolina State Bar. This Court has received no response from Mr. Bell.

After careful consideration of the record in this matter, the Court finds, based upon the particular facts of this case, that none of the elements in Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 25.4 exist. As a result, it is appropriate to enter an Order of Reciprocal Discipline.

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

- (1) George Cooper Bell is hereby publicly censured.
- (2) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 28.1, this Order shall be effective upon entry.
- (3) The Board of Professional Responsibility shall cause notice of this discipline to be published as required by Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 28.11.

PER CURIAM