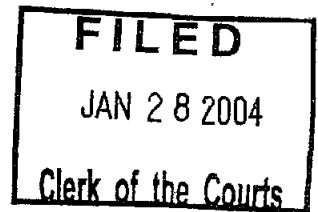


IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE  
AT NASHVILLE

IN RE: MICHAEL A. BELZ, BOPR NO. 17251,  
AN ATTORNEY LICENSED TO PRACTICE  
LAW IN TENNESSEE (SHELBY COUNTY)



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BOPR DOCKET No. 2002-1331-9-JJ

No. M2002-00367-SC-BPR-BP

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**ORDER OF ENFORCEMENT**

This matter is before the Court on a Petition for Discipline filed by the Board of Professional Responsibility against the respondent, Michael A. Belz, on August 13, 2002, which was personally served on the Respondent by the Shelby County Sheriff's Department on November 14, 2002. A Motion for Default Judgment was filed by the Board of Professional Responsibility on January 23, 2003, and was granted against the respondent by the Hearing Panel from Disciplinary District 1X on July 18, 2003.

By Order filed in this Court on February 20, 2002, the respondent was previously temporarily suspended from the practice of law, pursuant to Section 4.3 of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Board of Professional Responsibility Docket No. 2002-1285-9-JJ(4.3), for his failure to respond to a complaint of misconduct which was the subject of the Petition for Discipline filed on August 13, 2002. This temporary suspension order has never been dissolved by the Court.

A final hearing on the Petition as to disciplinary sanction was conducted before the Hearing Committee Panel on October 29, 2003. The respondent did appear, and testified as to mitigating factors. The Judgment of the Hearing Committee Panel filed November 17, 2003, attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference, recommended that the respondent should be suspended from the practice of law for one year effective from November 17, 2003, and placed conditions upon the respondent's reinstatement. Neither the respondent nor the Board appealed the November 17, 2003 Judgment of the Hearing Committee Panel. Both respondent and the Board agree that the Complainant, Johnny Bowen, has received the checks due complainant which were in respondent's possession and which were not negotiated by respondent, in compliance with the third numbered condition for reinstatement as included within the Hearing Panel's Judgment.

It is, therefore, **ORDERED, ADJUDGED** and **DECREED** by this Court that the Judgment of the Hearing Panel filed November 17, 2003, be entered for enforcement by this Court and that Michael A. Belz is suspended from the practice of law for one year, effective November 17, 2003, and that his reinstatement to the practice of law is conditioned upon:

a) the respondent's compliance with the requirements of Supreme Court Rule 9 for suspended attorneys, including, specifically, a reinstatement proceeding pursuant to the requirements of Section 19 of Supreme Court Rule 9, and the respondent's compliance with any conditions imposed in such a proceeding; and

b) the respondent's providing appropriate evidence of participation in and compliance with, or successful completion of the requirements of a contract with the Tennessee Lawyers' Assistance Program, should respondent be accepted for participation in said program after presenting himself for appropriate evaluation and assessment.

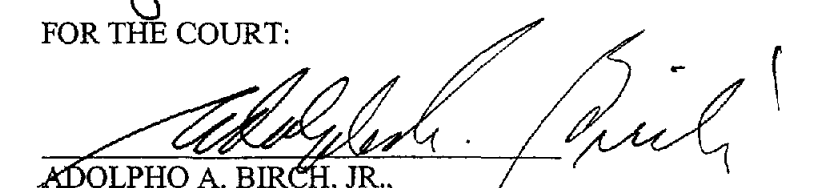
It is further **ORDERED, ADJUDGED** and **DECREEED** that the respondent, pursuant to Section 24.3 of Rule 9 of this Court, shall reimburse and pay to the Board of Professional Responsibility the costs and expenses of this proceeding and of the temporary suspension in Docket No. 2002-1285-9-JJ(4.3) in the total amount of \$1,722.07, and, in addition, shall pay to the Clerk of this Court the costs incurred herein, for all of which execution shall issue, if necessary.

Pursuant to Section 24.3 of Supreme Court Rule 9, payment of costs assessed to the respondent shall be a condition precedent to any reinstatement of Michael A. Belz to the practice of law.

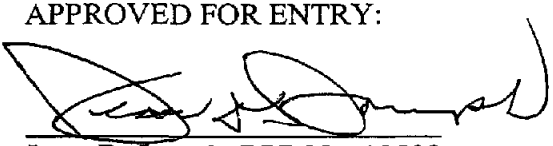
Pursuant to Section 18.9 of Supreme Court Rule 9, proof of compliance with Section 18 of Supreme Court Rule 9 shall be a condition precedent to any petition for reinstatement. The Board of Professional Responsibility shall cause notice of this Order to be published pursuant to Rule 9, §18.10.

This 28<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2004.

FOR THE COURT:

  
ADOLPHO A. BIRCH, JR.,  
JUSTICE

APPROVED FOR ENTRY:

  
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have mailed a copy of the foregoing proposed Order of Enforcement to respondent Michael A. Belz, Esquire, 572 Sabine Street, Memphis, TN 38117, on this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of January, 2004.



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Jesse D. Joseph

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