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## IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE AT NASHVILLE

## IN RE: STEPHEN CHRISTOPHER BROOKS, BPR #20439

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

**No. M2017-01491-SC-BAR-BP** BOPR No. 2015-2494-7-AJ

## ORDER OF ENFORCEMENT

This matter is before the Court upon a Petition for Discipline filed against Stephen Christopher Brooks on September 29, 2015; upon entry of a Conditional Guilty Plea filed by Mr. Brooks on January 15, 2016; upon an Order Recommending Approval of Conditional Guilty Plea entered on January 21, 2016; upon consideration and approval by the Board on February 1, 2016; upon rejection of the Conditional Guilty Plea by this Court on February 12, 2016; upon the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law of the Hearing Panel entered on June 3, 2016; upon service of the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law on Mr. Brooks by the Executive Secretary of the Board on June 3, 2016; upon Order Assessing Costs entered August 5, 2016; upon service of the Order Assessing Costs on Mr. Brooks by the Executive Secretary of the Board on August 5, 2016; upon consideration and approval by the Board on September 9, 2016; upon remand to the Hearing Panel; upon the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law of the Hearing Panel entered on May 4, 2017; upon service of the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law on Mr. Brooks by the Executive Secretary of the Board on May 4, 2017; upon Order Assessing Costs entered May 17, 2017; upon service of the Order Assessing Costs on Mr. Brooks by the Executive Secretary of the Board on May 17, 2017; upon consideration and approval by the Board on June 9, 2017; upon expiration of the appeal period with no appeal taken; and upon the entire record in this cause.

From all of which the Court approves the Order of the Hearing Panel and adopts the Hearing Panel's Order as the Court's Order.

- IT IS, THEREFORE, CONSIDERED, ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED BY THE COURT THAT:
- (1) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.2, Stephen Christopher Brooks is suspended from the practice of law for five (5) years.

- (2) Mr. Brooks shall comply in all aspects with Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 28, and Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 30.4, regarding the obligations and responsibilities of suspended attorneys and the procedure for reinstatement.
- (3) Prior to seeking reinstatement, Mr. Brooks must meet all CLE requirements; have remitted all outstanding registration fees and outstanding professional privilege taxes, including those due from the date of this suspension until the date of reinstatement; and have remitted all court costs and Board costs in this matter.
- (4) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 28.1, this Order shall be effective immediately.
- (5) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 31.3(d), Mr. Brooks shall pay to the Board of Professional Responsibility the expenses and costs of this matter in the amount of \$1,888.53 and shall pay to the Clerk of this Court the costs incurred herein, within ninety (90) days of the entry of this Order, for all of which execution may issue if necessary.
- (6) 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