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OF THE
SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE**

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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: MICHAEL ROBIE BUCHANAN, BPR #022702
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BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY
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August 17, 2020

HAMILTON COUNTY LAWYER CENSURED

On August 17, 2020, Michael Robie Buchanan, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, was publicly censured by the Supreme Court of Tennessee conditioned upon payment of fees to the Board of Professional Responsibility.

Mr. Buchanan failed to timely remit agreed employee deferral contributions to the firm's 401(k) plan and matching contributions. By these acts, Mr. Buchanan executed a conditional guilty plea acknowledging his conduct violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.15 (safeguarding funds) and 5.3 (responsibilities regarding non-lawyer assistance).

A Public Censure is a rebuke and warning to the attorney, but it does not affect the attorney's ability to practice law.

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE



IN RE: MICHAEL ROBIE BUCHANAN, BPR #022702
An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee
(Hamilton County)

No. M2020-01076-SC-BAR-BP
BOPR No. 2019-3017-3-JM

ORDER OF ENFORCEMENT

This matter is before the Court upon a Petition for Discipline filed against Mr. Buchanan on July 8, 2019; upon the Answer to Petition for Discipline filed by Mr. Buchanan on September 4, 2019; upon the Conditional Guilty Plea filed by Mr. Buchanan on July 22, 2020; upon the Order Recommending Approval of Conditional Guilty Plea entered by the Hearing Panel on July 27, 2020; upon service of the Order Recommending Approval of Conditional Guilty Plea by the Executive Secretary of the Board dated July 27, 2020; upon consideration and approval by the Board on August 5, 2020; 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 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. Buchanan is issued a public censure pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.4.
- (2) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 28.1, this Order shall be effective upon entry.
- (3) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 31.3(d), Mr. Buchanan shall pay to the Board of Professional Responsibility the expenses and costs of this matter in the amount of \$490.00 within ninety (90) days of entry of the Order of Enforcement. In the event Mr. Buchanan fails to make any payment as required herein, the Board may reopen its disciplinary file and conduct further proceedings pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.8.

(4) 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