

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE

IN RE: ROBERT LAWSON CHEEK, JR., BPR #15407

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

No. M2017-00242-SC-BAR-BP
BOPR No. 2016-2569-2-AJ

ORDER OF ENFORCEMENT

This matter is before the Court upon a Petition for Discipline filed against Robert Lawson Cheek, Jr., on April 5, 2016; upon Motion for Default Judgment and that the Allegations Contained in the Petition for Discipline Be Deemed Admitted filed on June 28, 2016; upon entry of an Order Granting Motion for Default on June 20, 2016; upon entry of the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law of the Hearing Panel on October 3, 2016; upon service of the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law on Mr. Cheek by the Executive Secretary of the Board on October 3, 2016; upon entry of the Judgment on the Board of Professional Responsibility's Application for Assessment of Costs on November 29, 2016; upon service of the Judgment on the Board of Professional Responsibility's Application for Assessment of Costs on Mr. Cheek by the Executive Secretary of the Board on November 29, 2016; upon consideration and approval by the Board on December 9, 2016; 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 Judgment as the Court's Order.

On August 31, 2012, Mr. Cheek was suspended from the practice of law for non-compliance with Continuing Legal Education requirements. On May 15, 2014, Mr. Cheek was disbarred by this Court pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 4.1 (2006) (Docket No. M2012-02741-SC-BAR-BP). On August 12, 2015, Mr. Cheek was disbarred by this Court pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.1 (2014) (Docket No. M2014-00936-SC-BAR-BP). To date, Mr. Cheek has not requested, nor been granted reinstatement.

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

(1) Robert Lawson Cheek, Jr., is disbarred from the practice of law pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.1.

(2) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.7, Mr. Cheek shall be required to make restitution to Ada Koho in the amount of \$111,570.00. Payment of restitution is a condition precedent to reinstatement. In the event restitution is made by the Tennessee Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection ("TLFCP"), Mr. Cheek will be responsible for reimbursement to the TLFCP of the same amount.

(3) Mr. Cheek shall comply in all aspects with Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, §§ 28 and 30 regarding the obligations and responsibilities of disbarred attorneys and the procedure for reinstatement. Prior to seeking reinstatement, Mr. Cheek must meet all CLE requirements and pay any outstanding registration fees including those due from the date of suspension until the date of reinstatement.

(5) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 28.5, this Order shall be effective immediately.

(6) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 31.3, Mr. Cheek shall pay to the Board of Professional Responsibility the expenses and costs of this matter in the amount of \$677.70, 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.

(7) 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