

IN DISCIPLINARY DISTRICT 0  
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OF THE  
SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE

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**IN RE: THOMAS PATRICK COOPER,  
BPR #026251, Respondent  
An Attorney Licensed and  
Admitted to the Practice of  
Law in Tennessee  
(Miami Beach, Florida)**

**DOCKET NO. 2018-2888-0-AJ-22.3**

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**PETITION FOR FINAL DISCIPLINE**

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Comes now Disciplinary Counsel for the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Supreme Court of Tennessee (hereinafter referred to as "the Board"), pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 22, and files this Petition for Final Discipline against the Respondent, Thomas Patrick Cooper, and would respectfully show:

1. Respondent, Thomas Patrick Cooper, is an attorney licensed to practice law in the State of Tennessee, holding Board of Professional Responsibility number 026251.
2. Mr. Cooper's most recent preferred address as registered with the Board of Professional Responsibility is 7227 Bay Drive, Apartment 25, Miami Beach, Florida 33141, being in Disciplinary District 0.
3. Mr. Cooper is subject to the disciplinary jurisdiction of the Supreme Court of Tennessee and the Board of Professional Responsibility.

4. On July 20, 2018, pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R.9, § 22, the Supreme Court of Tennessee suspended Mr. Cooper and ordered the institution of formal proceedings to determine the extent of final discipline to be imposed based upon his plea of *nolo contendere* to one count of Grand Theft and one count of Defrauding a Financial Institution in the 17<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit Court in and for Broward County, in the matter of *The State of Florida v. Thomas Patrick Cooper*.

5. A copy of the Supreme Court's Order of Enforcement including copy of the Judgment in the Circuit Court of Broward County, Florida, in the matter of *The State of Florida v. Thomas Patrick Cooper* are attached hereto as Collective Exhibit A.

6. Mr. Cooper's *nolo contendere* plea to Grand Theft and Defrauding a Financial Institution constitutes a serious crime and a violation of Tennessee Rules of Professional Conduct 8.4 (a), (b), (c) and (d).

WHEREFORE, Petitioner requests that a Hearing Panel be appointed to hear testimony and to receive evidence to determine the extent of final discipline to be imposed.

Respectfully submitted,



Alan D. Johnson, BPR #010505  
Disciplinary Counsel – Litigation  
Board of Professional Responsibility  
10 Cadillac Drive, Suite 220  
Brentwood, TN 37027  
(615) 361-7500

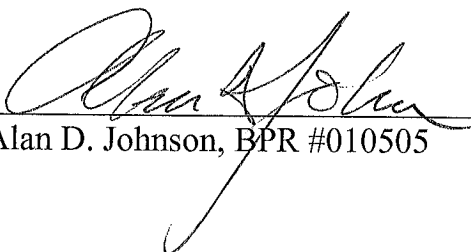
**NOTICE TO PLEAD**

**To: Thomas Patrick Cooper  
7227 Bay Drive, #25  
Miami Beach, FL 33141**

You are hereby notified that you are required to file your Answer with **Rita Webb, Executive Secretary, Board of Professional Responsibility, 10 Cadillac Drive, Suite 220, Brentwood, TN 37027** and serve a copy of your Answer upon Disciplinary Counsel within thirty (30) days after service of this Petition. If you fail to file an Answer, the matters shall be deemed admitted and a default judgment taken.

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that I have served a copy of the foregoing upon Respondent, Thomas Patrick Cooper, by First Class U.S. Mail and by Certified Mail, return receipt requested, No. 7014 2870 0000 6032 8172 addressed to him at 7227 Bay Drive #25, Miami Beach, Florida 33141 on this the 12 day of August, 2018.

  
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Alan D. Johnson, BPR #010505

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE  
AT NASHVILLE

**IN RE: THOMAS PATRICK COOPER, BPR #026251**  
An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee  
(Miami Beach, Florida)

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No. M2018-01318-SC-BAR-BP  
BOPR No. 2018-2888-0-AJ-22.3

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**ORDER OF ENFORCEMENT**

This matter is before the Court pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 22.3, upon a Notice of Submission filed by Disciplinary Counsel for the Board of Professional Responsibility consisting of a copy of a conviction in the 17<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit Court in and for Broward County in the matter of *The State of Florida v. Thomas Patrick Cooper* (attached as Exhibit A) demonstrating that Thomas Patrick Cooper, a Tennessee attorney, has pled nolo contendere to a serious crime, i.e., violation of Florida Statutes 812.014(1)(a), 812.014(1)(b) and 812.014(2)(b)1: Grand Theft and Florida Statute 655.0322(6): Defrauding a Financial Institution.

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

1. Thomas Patrick Cooper is suspended from the practice of law on this date pending further orders of this Court, pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 22.3;
2. This matter shall be referred to the Board of Professional Responsibility for the institution of a formal proceeding in which the sole issue to be determined shall be the extent of the final discipline;
3. Thomas Patrick Cooper shall fully comply with the provisions of Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 28, concerning disbarred or suspended attorneys; and
4. The Board of Professional Responsibility shall cause notice of this suspension to be published as required by Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 28.11.

PER CURIAM

**Collective  
Exhibit A**

Thomas Cooper  
7227 Bay Drive #25  
Miami Beach, FL 33141  
615-918-9505  
tpcooper@gmail.com

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July 6, 2018

Board of Professional Responsibility  
10 Cadillac Drive, Suite 220  
Brentwood, TN 37027

Dear Sir or Madam:

I am writing to inform you of my adjudication of guilt in Broward County, Florida on one count of Grand Theft and one count of Defrauding a Financial Institution.

The judgement is a result of a plea contendre to the above-mentioned charges on May 2, 2018. I copy of the judgment is attached.

My BPR number is 026251.

Please contact me at 615-918-9505, [tpcooper@gmail.com](mailto:tpcooper@gmail.com), or by mail for any additional information you need on this issue.

Regards,



Thomas Cooper  
BPR Number 026251

Exhibit A

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17<sup>th</sup> JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
 IN AND FOR BROWARD COUNTY

DIVISION:  
 CRIMINAL

DIVISION: FH

**JUDGMENT**

THE STATE OF FLORIDA VS.

CASE NUMBER

DEFENDANT Thomas Patrick Cooper 17003090 CF 10A  
 Probation Violator

State Attorney P. Lubin

Court Reporter S. Suggen

The Defendant, Thomas Patrick Cooper being personally before this Court represented by  
J. Kreiss his attorney of record, and having:

(Check applicable provision)

- Been tried and found guilty of the following crime(s)
- Entered a plea of guilty to the following crime(s)
- Entered a plea of nolo contendere to the following crime(s)

COUNT	CRIME	OFFENSE STATUTE NUMBER(S)	DEGREE OF CRIME	ADD'L MONIES IMPOSED
<u>1</u>	<u>Grand Theft</u>	<u>812.014(1)(a)</u>	<u>2°</u>	
		<u>812.014(1)(b)</u>		
<u>3</u>	<u>Defrauding A Finan. Inst.</u>	<u>812.014(2)(b)</u>	<u>2°</u>	
		<u>655.0322(1)</u>		

and no cause having been shown why the Defendant should not be adjudicated guilty, IT IS ORDERED THAT the Defendant is hereby ADJUDICATED GUILTY of the above crime(s).

The Defendant is hereby ordered to pay the sum of Fifty dollars (\$50.00) pursuant to F.S. 938.03 (Crimes Comp. Trust Fund). The Defendant is further ordered to pay the sum of Five Dollars (\$5.00) as court costs pursuant to F.S. 938.03(1) and 938.15. Fines imposed as part of a sentence pursuant to F.S. 777.083(1) are to be recorded on the Sentence page(s).

(Check if applicable)

Stayed & Withheld Imposition of Sentence  The court hereby stays and withholds the imposition of sentence as to count(s) 1 & 3 and places the Defendant on probation for a period of 5 years under the supervision of the Department of Corrections (conditions of probation set forth in a separate order)

Sentence Deferred Until Later Date  The court hereby defers imposition of sentence until \_\_\_\_\_ (Date)

Pay \$225.00 Trust Fund pursuant to F.S. 938.03(1)(a)

Count(s) \_\_\_\_\_ DAYS/MONTHS BROWARD COUNTY JAIL. W/CREDIT \_\_\_\_\_ DAYS TIME SERVED.

The Defendant in open court was advised of his right to appeal from this Judgment by filing notice of appeal with the Clerk of Court within thirty days following the date sentence is imposed or probation is ordered pursuant to this adjudication. The Defendant was also advised of his right to the assistance of counsel in taking said appeal at the expense of the State upon showing indigence.

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing was served on the State Attorney by:  hand delivery  U.S. mail and to the Defense Attorney by:  hand delivery  U.S. mail this 2 day of May 2018

Deputy Clerk  
 ICC 112-65 JUDGMENT

Cooper, Thomas

DIVISION:	<input type="checkbox"/> ADJUDICATION WITHHELD	CASE NUMBER
CRIMINAL	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ADJUDICATED GUILTY	170 D3090 CFP 10A

# FINGERPRINTS OF DEFENDANT



Fingerprints taken by:

Deputy E. Pao 12537 Court Deputy

Name & Title

DONE AND ORDERED in Open Court at Broward County, Florida this 2 day of May 2-010  
I HEREBY CERTIFY that the above and foregoing fingerprints are of the Defendant

Thomas Patrick Cooper and that they were placed thereon by said defendant in my presence

in Open court this date.

JUDGE