

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE

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IN RE: MICKIE SMITH DAUGHERTY, BPR NO. 022746

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

No. M2025-02062-SC-BAR-BP

ORDER OF ENFORCEMENT

This matter is before the Court upon a Petition for Discipline filed against Mickie Smith Daugherty on April 4, 2025; upon Answer to Petition for Discipline filed July 23, 2025; upon submission of a Conditional Guilty Plea on November 20, 2025; upon the Hearing Panel's Order Recommending Approval of Conditional Guilty Plea entered on November 24, 2025; upon service of the Order Recommending Approval of Conditional Guilty Plea on Ms. Daugherty by the Executive Secretary of the Board on November 24, 2025; upon consideration and approval by the Board on December 12, 2025; and upon the entire record in this cause.

From all of which, the Court approves the Hearing Panel's Order Recommending Approval of Conditional Guilty Plea and adopts the same as its own.

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

(1) Mickie Smith Daugherty is hereby suspended from the practice of law for six (6) years pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.2, retroactive to August 20, 2024, subject to the following conditions:

- (a) Respondent shall contact the Tennessee Lawyers Assistance Program (TLAP) for evaluation and cooperate fully with TLAP to complete all evaluations in a timely manner recommended by TLAP. In the event TLAP determines a monitoring agreement is appropriate, Respondent shall immediately execute said monitoring agreement and thereafter comply with the terms and conditions of the TLAP monitoring agreement. Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 36.1, TLAP shall timely notify the Board of any failure by Ms. Daugherty to establish contact with TLAP, cooperate with the evaluation process, execute the recommended

monitoring agreement; or substantially comply with the terms and conditions of the executed monitoring agreement. Ms. Daugherty shall execute the appropriate release to allow TLAP to communicate with the Board regarding any monitoring agreement.

(b) Respondent shall comply with the terms and conditions imposed by the Circuit Court for Maury County, Tennessee, in *State v Mickie Smith Daugherty*, Docket No. 31137, including the grant of probation.

(2) Ms. Daugherty shall comply in all respects with Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 28, regarding the obligations and responsibilities of suspended attorneys. In the event Ms. Daugherty fails to meet or maintain any condition of probation, probation may be revoked pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 14.2.

(3) Ms. Daugherty shall comply in all respects with Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 30.4, regarding the procedure for reinstatement.

(4) The filing of a petition for reinstatement to the active practice of law shall be conditioned upon Ms. Daugherty having met all CLE requirements, having paid all registration fees due and owing, having paid all professional privilege taxes due and owing, having paid all Board costs assessed in this matter, having paid all court costs outstanding, and having complied with the terms and conditions set forth in this Order of Enforcement.

(5) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 31.3(d), Ms. Daugherty shall pay the Board of Professional Responsibility the expenses and costs incurred to date by the Board in this matter, including any filing fee assessed by the Court, in the amount of \$514.00. All costs, fees, and expenses awarded or assessed herein shall be paid within ninety (90) days of the entry of this Order for which execution, if necessary, may issue.

(6) The Order of Temporary Suspension entered August 20, 2024, in Case No. M2024-01249-SC-BAR-BP is hereby dissolved.

(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.

(8) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 28.1, this Order shall be effective upon entry.

PER CURIAM