

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE  
AT NASHVILLE

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Clerk of the  
Appellate Courts

**IN RE: RICHARD HOVEY DINKINS, BPR #005412**

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

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**No. M2022-01310-SC-BAR-BP**  
BOPR No. 2022-3278-5-AW-27

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**ORDER TRANSFERRING ATTORNEY TO  
DISABILITY INACTIVE STATUS**

This matter is before the Court upon a petition to transfer the Honorable Richard Hovey Dinkins to disability inactive status filed by the Tennessee Board of Professional Responsibility pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 27.3.

Upon due consideration of documentation from Mr. Dinkins and his medical provider, the Court concludes that Richard Hovey Dinkins is currently unable to practice law due to his disability.

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

1. The law license of the Honorable Richard Hovey Dinkins shall be transferred to disability inactive status for an indefinite period of time and until further order of the Supreme Court.
2. Mr. Dinkins shall comply with Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9 in all respects and particularly as provided in Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 28, regarding the responsibilities of attorneys transferred to disability inactive status.
3. Mr. Dinkins shall be allowed to petition for reinstatement to active status pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 27.7.
4. The Board shall publish notice of this transfer pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, §§ 27.5 and 28.11.

5. Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 32.4, documents other than this Order relating to Mr. Dinkins's disability proceeding shall not be public records and shall be kept confidential.

PER CURIAM