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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE

IN RE: JAMES AUSTIN DUKES, BPR #026731

An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee
(Hammond, Louisiana)

No. M2020-00399-SC-BAR-BP
BOPR No. 2020-3081-0-JM-22.3

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 certified copy of the Criminal Minutes of the State of Louisiana, Parish of Tangipahoa, 21st Judicial District, Docket #1-703267 (attached as Exhibit A) demonstrating that James Austin Dukes, a Tennessee attorney, was found guilty of theft of \$25,000.00 or more; theft of assets of aged; and exploitation of the infirmed.

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

1. James Austin Dukes 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. James Austin Dukes 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