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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE AT NASHVILLE

IN RE: GERALD TODD EIDSON, BPR NO. 017342

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

No. M2025-00378-SC-BAR-BP

ORDER OF ENFORCEMENT

This matter is before the Court upon a Petition for Discipline filed against Gerald Todd Eidson on September 20, 2021; upon Answer to Petition for Discipline filed by Mr. Eidson on November 15, 2021; upon the evidence presented at a hearing on the matter on February 27, 2023; upon entry of Findings and Judgment of the Hearing Panel on June 30, 2023; upon service of the Findings and Judgment of the Hearing Panel on Mr. Eidson by the Executive Secretary of the Board on June 30, 2023; upon the Board of Professional Responsibility's ("Board") Application for Assessment of Costs filed on July 19, 2023; upon entry of an Order assessing costs of \$906.00 against Mr. Eidson on August 4, 2023; upon service of the Order assessing costs on Mr. Eidson by the Executive Secretary of the Board on August 4, 2023; upon a Petition for Review filed in the Chancery Court for Hawkins County on October 3, 2023; upon the Final Order filed by the Chancery Court for Hawkins County on March 26, 2024, increasing Mr. Eidson's sanction to a two (2) year suspension with one year active suspension, and probation with conditions during the second year; upon the Board's Application for Assessment of Costs filed on April 24, 2024; upon Order in the Chancery Court for Hawkins County granting the Board's Application for Assessment of Costs for \$1,695.00 entered on May 14, 2024; upon consideration and approval of the Chancery Court's Final Order by the Board on June 14, 2024; upon the filing by Mr. Eidson of Notice of Appeal to the Supreme Court on July 12, 2024; upon entry of the Supreme Court's Order dismissing the appeal on January 9, 2025; upon the Board's Application for Assessment of Costs filed in the Supreme Court on January 24, 2025; upon the Supreme Court's Order entered February 12, 2025, assessing the Board's costs of \$1,749.00 in these proceedings against Mr. Eidson; and upon the entire record in this cause.

From all of which, the Court approves the Judgment of the Hearing Panel and adopts the Hawkins County Chancery Court's Judgment of a two-year suspension, with one year active and one year on probation on condition that Mr. Eidson retain a practice monitor at his expense.

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

- (1) Mr. Eidson is suspended from the practice of law for two (2) years pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.2, with one (1) year to be served on active suspension and the following year to be served on probation with a practice monitor, pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 14.1. The grant of probation is subject to the following conditions:
 - (a) During the period of suspension and probation, Mr. Eidson shall incur no new complaints of misconduct that relate to conduct occurring during the period of suspension and probation, which results in the recommendation by the Board that discipline be imposed.
 - (b) Mr. Eidson shall engage a practice monitor at his expense for the entire probation period. Mr. Eidson shall provide a list of potential practice monitors for selection by the Board within thirty (30) days of filing a petition for reinstatement. The practice monitor shall submit monthly reports to the Board addressing the following areas: assessment of caseload, timeliness of tasks, and adequacy of communication between Mr. Eidson and his clients.
 - (c) In the event Mr. Eidson fails to meet or maintain any condition of probation, the probation may be revoked pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 14.2 (2014).
- (2) Prior to seeking reinstatement, Mr. Eidson must have met all CLE requirements; have remitted all outstanding registration fees and outstanding professional privilege taxes, including those due from the date of this suspension until the date of reinstatement, and have remitted all court costs and Board costs in this matter. In addition, Mr. Eidson shall be in full compliance with the terms and conditions of this Order.
- (3) Mr. Eidson shall comply in all aspects with Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, §§ 28 and 30.4 regarding the obligations and responsibilities of suspended attorneys and the procedure for reinstatement.
- (4) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 31.3(d), Mr. Eidson shall pay to the Board of Professional Responsibility the expenses and costs incurred to date by the Board in this matter in the amount of \$1,749.00, which includes \$100.00 for the cost of filing this matter and shall pay to the Clerk of this Court the court costs incurred herein. 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.

- (5) The Board of Professional Responsibility shall cause notice of this discipline to be published as required by Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 28.11.
- (6) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 28.1, this Order shall be effective upon entry.

PER CURIAM