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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE AT NASHVILLE

IN RE: HOWARD FREDERICK FORD, BPR #002477

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

No. M2018-00698-SC-BAR-BP BOPR No. 2018-2849-6-AJ-27

ORDER TRANSFERRING ATTORNEY TO DISABILITY INACTIVE STATUS

This matter is before the Court upon a petition to transfer Howard Frederick Ford to disability inactive status filed by the Tennessee Board of Professional Responsibility pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 27.4.

Upon due consideration of documentation from Mr. Ford's medical care provider submitted by his representative, the Court concludes that Howard Frederick Ford is currently incapacitated from continuing the practice of law.

- IT IS, THEREFORE, CONSIDERED, ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED BY THE COURT THAT:
- 1. The law license of Howard Frederick Ford shall be transferred to disability inactive status for an indefinite period of time and until further orders of the Supreme Court.
- 2. Mr. Ford shall be allowed to petition for reinstatement to active status pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 27.7.
- 3. The Board shall publish notice of this transfer pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, §§ 27.5 and 28.11.
- 4. Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 32.4, documents other than this Order relating to Mr. Ford's disability proceeding shall not be public records and shall be kept confidential.
- 5. The Court deems it proper and advisable to suspend disciplinary proceedings against Mr. Ford until further Orders of this Court, pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 27.4(b)