

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE  
AT NASHVILLE

**FILED**  
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Appellate Courts

**IN RE: MICHAEL LLOYD FREEMAN, BPR #028698**  
An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee  
(Davidson County)

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**No. M2026-00126-SC-BAR-BP**

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**ORDER OF ENFORCEMENT**

This matter is before the Court upon a Petition for Discipline filed against Attorney Michael Lloyd Freeman on May 29, 2024; upon the Board's Motion for Default Judgment filed on July 23, 2024; upon Respondent's Answer to the Petition for Discipline filed July 29, 2024; upon the Hearing Panel's Order striking Mr. Freeman's pleadings and deeming the Board allegations admitted; upon the final hearing held March 25, 2025; upon the Hearing Panel's Final Order entered April 11, 2025; upon the Board's Application for Assessment of Costs filed April 15, 2025; upon Findings and Judgment for Assessment of Costs entered May 2, 2025; upon Mr. Freeman's Petition for Review filed June 10, 2025; upon the trial court's Final Order entered November 20, 2025; upon the Board's Application for Assessment of Costs filed November 20, 2025; upon the trial court's Findings and Judgment for Assessment of Costs entered December 9, 2025; upon the Tennessee Lawyer Assistance Program (TLAP) accepting the referral on January 20, 2026; and upon the entire record in this cause.

From all of which the Court approves the Final Order of the Trial Court affirming the Order of the Hearing Panel and the Findings and Judgment for Assessment of Costs and adopts the same as the Court's Order.

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

(1) Michael Lloyd Freeman is suspended from the practice of law for six (6) years, pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.2, with four (4) years to be served as active suspension, and, following a successful petition for reinstatement, the remainder on probation subject to conditions.

(a) Following successful reinstatement, Mr. Freeman, at his cost, shall engage a practice monitor who shall be selected and approved in accordance with

Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.9(c). The practice monitor shall meet with Mr. Freeman on a monthly basis to review basic office procedures such as scheduling and maintenance of case deadlines and the use of written communications and fee agreements. The practice monitor shall send monthly reports to Disciplinary Counsel during the first year of probation and quarterly thereafter.

(2) Michael Lloyd Freeman shall, within ninety (90) days from entry of this order, contact the Tennessee Lawyers Assistance Program (TLAP) for an evaluation and, if recommended, enter into a monitoring agreement and comply with its terms. Respondent shall give TLAP permission to communicate with the Board regarding any monitoring agreement.

(3) Mr. Freeman shall make restitution to Complainant James Franklin Roberts in the amount of \$828.29. Payment of restitution shall be a condition precedent to reinstatement and the grant of probation.

(4) During the period of active suspension and probation, Mr. Freeman shall incur no new complaints of misconduct that relate to conduct occurring during the period of suspension and probation and which results in the recommendation by the Board that discipline be imposed. Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 14.2, should Mr. Freeman violate or otherwise fail to meet any condition of probation, Disciplinary Counsel shall be authorized to file a petition to revoke Mr. Freeman's probation. Upon a finding that revocation is warranted, Mr. Freeman shall serve the previously deferred period of suspension.

(5) Prior to seeking reinstatement, Mr. Freeman 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.

(6) Mr. Freeman 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.

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

(8) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 31.3(d), Mr. Freeman shall pay to the Board of Professional Responsibility the expenses and costs of this disciplinary matter in the amount of \$6,214.00 and shall pay to the Clerk of this Court the costs incurred herein within ninety (90) days of the entry of this Order, for all of which execution may issue if

necessary.

(9) The Board of Professional Responsibility shall cause notice of this discipline to be published as required by Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 28.11.

(10) The Order of Temporary Suspension entered on September 3, 2025, in Docket number M2025-01321-SC-BAR-BP remains in full force and effect.

(11) The Order of Temporary Suspension entered on October 9, 2025, in Docket number M2025-01493-SC-BAR-BP remains in full force and effect.

PER CURIAM