

IN DISCIPLINARY DISTRICT V
OF THE
BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY
OF THE
SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE

IN RE: Lawrence Buford Hammet, II, Respondent,
BPR# 013816, an attorney licensed to
practice law in Tennessee.
(Davidson County)

FILE NO. 40850-5-KB

REVISED PUBLIC CENSURE

The above complaint was filed against Lawrence Buford Hammet, II, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, alleging certain acts of misconduct. Pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 9, the Board of Professional Responsibility considered these matters at its meeting on December 11, 2020. On January 20, 2021, Lawrence Buford Hammet, II, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, received a Public Censure from the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Tennessee Supreme Court conditioned upon Mr. Hammet satisfying the judgment against him on or before January 19, 2021. Mr. Hammet failed to timely pay the judgment in full.

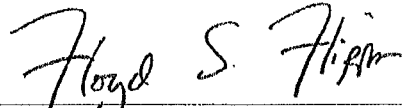
On June 24, 2021, the Davidson County Chancery Court entered an Agreed Order for Slow Pay wherein Mr. Hammet is required to make monthly payments to satisfy the judgment. A copy of the Davidson County Chancery Court order is attached hereto as "Attachment A." On July 7, 2021, the Board of Professional Responsibility approved revising the Public Censure issued on January 20, 2021 to be conditioned upon Mr. Hammet satisfying the judgments against him in accordance with the Davidson County Chancery Court Agreed Order for Slow Pay entered on June 24, 2021.

Mr. Hammet withdrew disputed funds from his client trust account and paid himself a fee which exceeded the amount that his client alleged was agreed upon at the commencement of the

representation. The client filed a civil suit against Mr. Hammet which was appealed after trial. The Court of Appeals found that Mr. Hammet failed to keep the disputed funds in his client trust account until the dispute was resolved and that Mr. Hammet improperly calculated his fees which were unreasonable. The Court of Appeals awarded judgment to the client in the amount of \$67,335.69 and remanded the case to the trial court for a determination of pre-judgment interest. The trial court subsequently awarded pre-judgment interest to the client in an additional amount of \$22,092.10.

By the aforementioned acts, Lawrence Buford Hammet, II violated Rule of Professional Conduct 1.5 (fees) and 1.15(e) (safekeeping property) and is Publicly Censured for these violations conditioned upon Mr. Hammet satisfying the judgments against him in accordance with the Davidson County Chancery Court Agreed Order for Slow Pay entered on June 24, 2021.

FOR THE BOARD OF
PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY



Floyd Flippin, Chair

07/22/21

Date

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR DAVIDSON COUNTY, TENNESSEE,
AT NASHVILLE

TO BE HEARD BY INTERCHANGE BY CHANCELLOR LOUIS W. OLIVER,
SUMNER COUNTY CHANCERY COURT

101 CONSTRUCTION COMPANY,
Plaintiff/Counter-Defendant,

Case No. 15-1268-III
JURY DEMAND

LAWRENCE B. HAMMET II, ESQ.,
Defendant/Counter-Plaintiff,

TODD & FLOYD, PLC,
Defendant.

AGREED ORDER FOR SLOW PAY

Comes now the Parties as evidenced by signature of counsel below and would advise of their agreement to allow Defendant Lawrence B. Hammet II to pay the final Judgment entered in this matter, pursuant to the following schedule:

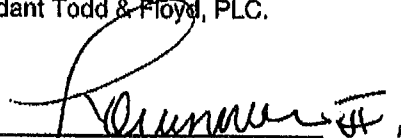
Defendant Hammet shall make monthly payments in the amount of \$2,114.19 to Neal & Harwell, PLC, beginning on June 26, 2021. All Payments shall be made to the attention of:

David G. Thompson, Esq
Neal & Harwell, PLC
1201 Demonbreun Street, Ste 1000
Nashville, TN 37203

Therefore, it is Ordered that Defendant Hammet shall pay Neal & Harwell, PLC the sum of \$2,114.19, on or before June 26, 2021, and on or before the last day of each following month thereafter, until the total amount of the Final Judgment entered by this Court on November 2, 2020, is paid in full. The Final Judgment is comprised of the principal amount of \$67,335.59 plus accrued interest at the rate of 5.25%, and the amount of \$27,569.15, collectively constituting the

Exhibit 1

portion of the Final Judgement awarding Prejudgment Interest and Discretionary Costs. Execution is STAYED as to Defendant Hammet if Defendant Hammet complies with this Order, but execution may proceed against Defendant Hammet if Defendant Hammet defaults on the terms herein. No stay of execution applies to Defendant Todd & Floyd, PLC.


Chancellor Louis W. Oliver, III

Approved for entry

/s/Lawrence B. Hammet II
Lawrence B. Hammet II 013816
THE HAMMET LAW FIRM, PLLC
4525 Harding Pike, Ste, 200
Nashville, TN 37205
(615) 369-3350

/s/ David G. Thompson
David G. Thompson, Esq.
Blind Akrawi, Esq.
Erik C. Lybeck, Esq.
Neal & Harwell, PLC
1201 Demonbreun Street, Suite 1000
Nashville, TN 37203

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been served via email on:

David G. Thompson, Esq.
Blind Akrawi, Esq.
Erik C. Lybeck, Esq.
Neal & Harwell, PLC
1201 Demonbreun Street, Suite 1000
Nashville, TN 37203
Facsimile: (615) 726-0573

EMAIL: dthompson@nealharwell.com
EMAIL: bakrawi@nealharwell.com
EMAIL: elybeck@nealharwell.com

this day June 24, 2021.

/s/ Lawrence B. Hammet II



Chancery Court
State of Tennessee
Nineteenth Judicial District

LOUIS W. OLIVER, III
CHANCELLOR
(615) 451-6004 OFFICE
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SUMNER COUNTY COURTHOUSE
PUBLIC SQUARE, THIRD FLOOR
GALLATIN, TN 37068

June 25, 2021

Vicki T. Bailey
Clerk and Master
Chancery Court
Suite 308
1 Public Square
Nashville, TN 37201

Re: 101 Construction Company vs. Lawrence B. Hammet II et al
Davidson Co. Chancery Court
Docket No. 15-1268-III

Dear Ms. Bailey:

Enclosed for your file is an original Order signed by Chancellor Oliver and ready for entry. Please file and enter the documents in this case. I have kept a copy for our records.

If you have any questions, please call me at the number above. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Ronda L. Whittington
Administrative Assistant to
Chancellor Louis W. Oliver, III