

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE

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Clerk of the
Appellate Courts

IN RE: JAMES RALPH HICKMAN, JR., BPR NO. 020125

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

No. M2025-02042-SC-BAR-BP

ORDER OF ENFORCEMENT

This matter is before the Court upon a Petition for Discipline filed against James Ralph Hickman, Jr., on September 23, 2024; upon Mr. Hickman's Answer filed November 26, 2024; upon the Second Amended Order for Discipline entered on August 25, 2025; upon consideration and approval by the Board of Professional Responsibility on September 12, 2025; upon expiration of the appeal period with no appeal taken; and upon the entire record in this cause. From all of which, the Court approves the Order of the Hearing Panel and adopts the Hearing Panel's Order of Public Censure.

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

(1) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.4, James Ralph Hickman, Jr., is hereby publicly censured.

(2) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 31.3(d), Mr. Hickman shall pay to the Board of Professional Responsibility the expenses and costs incurred by the Board in the total amount of \$2,294.00 which includes the assessment of \$100.00 for the cost of filing this matter. Mr. Hickman 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.

(3) The Board of Professional Responsibility shall cause notice of this discipline to be published.

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

PER CURIAM