

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE

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IN RE: ANGELA JOY HOPSON, BPR #022500
An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee
(Madison County)

No. M2024-00152-SC-BAR-BP
BOPR No. 2019-2989-7-AJ

ORDER OF ENFORCEMENT

This matter is before the Court upon a Petition for Discipline filed against Angela Joy Hopson on April 8, 2019; upon a Supplemental Petition for Discipline filed on August 26, 2019; upon a Second Supplemental Petition for Discipline filed on October 9, 2019; upon Motion for Default Judgment and that Charges in Petition for Discipline be Deemed Admitted filed on November 22, 2019; upon Order Granting Default Judgment filed on December 26, 2019; upon service of Order Granting Default Judgment on Ms. Hopson by the Executive Secretary of the Board on December 26, 2019; upon Respondent's Motion to Set Aside the Default Judgment filed on June 26, 2020; upon Order Denying Respondent's Motion to Set Aside Default Judgment entered on April 27, 2022; upon final hearing of this matter on August 15, 2023; upon Final Order and Judgment of the Hearing Panel entered on October 2, 2023; upon service of the Judgment of the Hearing Panel on Ms. Hopson by the Executive Secretary of the Board on October 2, 2023; upon the Board of Professional Responsibility's Application for Assessment of Costs filed on October 5, 2023; upon Findings and Judgment for Assessment of Costs entered on November 1, 2023; upon service of Findings and Judgment for Assessment of Costs on Ms. Hopson by the Executive Secretary of the Board on November 1, 2023; 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 Recommending Disbarment as the Court's Order.

On July 28, 2021, Ms. Hopson was temporarily suspended by this Court pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.3 (Case No. M2021-00838-SC-BAR-BP). To date, Ms. Hopson has not requested nor been granted reinstatement.

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

(1) Ms. Hopson is permanently disbarred from the practice of law pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct., R., § 12.1.

(2) Ms. Hopson shall pay restitution pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.7, as follows:

- (a) to Danny Walker in the amount of \$4,300.00,
- (b) to Virginia Mendoza in the amount of \$20,792.00,
- (c) to Darwin Ruiz in the amount of \$2,500.00,
- (d) to Ray Walker in the amount of \$420.00,
- (e) to Linda Owens in the amount of \$3,500.00,
- (f) to Allen Milton in the amount of \$1,500.00,
- (g) to Helen Marable in the amount of \$200.00, and
- (h) to Kawasky Taylor in the amount of \$2,022.00.

In the event restitution is made by the Tennessee Lawyer's Fund for Client Protection (TLFCP), Ms. Hopson shall reimburse TLFCP in the same amount.

(3) Ms. Hopson shall comply in all aspects with Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 28, regarding the obligations and responsibilities of disbarred attorneys.

(4) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 31.3(d), Ms. Hopson 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 \$5,979.84 (including \$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 Order of Temporary Suspension entered July 28, 2021 (Case No. M2021-00838-SC-BAR-BP) is hereby dissolved.

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

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

PER CURIAM