

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE  
AT NASHVILLE

**FILED**  
03/25/2026  
Clerk of the  
Appellate Courts

**IN RE: J. STEPHEN HURST, BPR NO. 000547**  
An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee  
(Campbell County)

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**No. M2026-00399-SC-BAR-BP**

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**ORDER OF ENFORCEMENT**

This matter is before the Court upon a Petition for Discipline filed against Respondent J. Stephen Hurst on October 31, 2025; upon Respondent's Answer to the Petition for Discipline filed on December 17, 2025; upon submission of a Conditional Guilty Plea on February 3, 2026; upon the Hearing Panel's Order Recommending Approval of Conditional Guilty Plea entered on February 10, 2026; upon service of the Order Recommending Approval of Conditional Guilty Plea on Counsel for Mr. Hurst by the Executive Secretary of the Board on February 10, 2026; upon consideration and approval by the Board on March 13, 2026; 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 Approval of Conditional Guilty Plea.

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

- (1) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.4, Respondent J. Stephen Hurst is hereby publicly censured.
- (2) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 31.3(d), Mr. Hurst shall pay the Board of Professional Responsibility the expenses and costs incurred to date by the Board in this matter, including the \$100.00 filing fee assessed by the Court, in the total amount of \$946.00. 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 as required by Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 28.11.

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

PER CURIAM