

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE  
AT NASHVILLE

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**IN RE: JOHN EDWARD HUTSON, BPR NO. 034751**  
An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee  
(White County)

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**No. M2024-01122-SC-BAR-BP**  
BOPR No. 2023-3340-4-DB

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**ORDER OF ENFORCEMENT**

This matter is before the Court upon a Petition for Discipline filed against John Edward Hutson (“Mr. Hutson”) on July 19, 2023; upon Response to Petition for Discipline filed by Mr. Hutson on August 30, 2023; upon Conditional Guilty Plea filed by Mr. Hutson on April 18, 2024; upon entry of the Order Recommending Approval of Conditional Guilty Plea on April 23, 2024; upon consideration and approval by the Board on June 14, 2024; upon the Supreme Court’s rejection of the Conditional Guilty Plea on August 15, 2024; upon Mr. Hutson’s Second Conditional Guilty Plea submitted on December 11, 2024; upon the Hearing Panel’s Order Recommending Approval of Second Conditional Guilty Plea on December 12, 2024; upon the Board of Professional Responsibility’s (“the Board”) approval of the Second Conditional Guilty Plea on December 13, 2024; and upon the entire record in this cause.

From all of which, the Court approves the Order Recommending Approval of the Second Conditional Guilty Plea.

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

(1) Mr. Hutson is suspended from the practice of law for two (2) years pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.2, with six (6) months served as an active suspension, and the remainder served on probation, pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 14.1. The grant of probation is subject to the following conditions:

(a) Mr. Hutson shall contact the Tennessee Lawyers Assistance Program (“TLAP”) for evaluation and cooperate fully with TLAP to complete the evaluation process in a timely manner. In the event TLAP determines a monitoring agreement is appropriate, Mr. Hutson shall immediately execute said

monitoring agreement and thereafter comply with the terms and conditions of the TLAP monitoring agreement. Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 36.1, TLAP shall timely notify the Board of any failure by Mr. Hutson to establish contact with TLAP, cooperate with the evaluation process, execute any recommended monitoring agreement; or substantially comply with the terms and conditions of any executed monitoring agreement. Mr. Hutson shall execute the appropriate releases to allow TLAP to communicate with the Board regarding any monitoring agreement.

- (b) Mr. Hutson, at his cost, if any, for the first six (6) months following reinstatement, shall engage the services of 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. Hutson monthly and assess Mr. Hutson's caseload, case management, timeliness of performing tasks, adequacy of communication with clients and accounting procedures. The Practice Monitor shall provide a monthly written report of Mr. Hutson's progress to the Tennessee Board of Professional Responsibility.

- (2) In the event Mr. Hutson fails to meet or maintain any condition of probation, the probation may be revoked pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 14.2.

- (3) Prior to seeking reinstatement, Mr. Hutson 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. In addition, Mr. Hutson shall be in substantial compliance with the terms and conditions of this Order.

- (4) Mr. Hutson 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.

- (5) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 31.3(d), Mr. Hutson 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 \$1,105.00, which includes \$100.00 for the cost of filing this matter, and pay this filing fee to the Board, 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.

- (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