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## IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE AT NASHVILLE

## IN RE: JOHN EDWARD HUTSON, BPR #034751

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

No. M2024-01122-SC-BAR-BP

## **ORDER OF REINSTATEMENT**

This matter is before the Court, pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 30.4(c), upon a Petition for Reinstatement filed on October 13, 2025, by the Petitioner, John Edward Hutson. Mr. Hutson was suspended from the practice of law by Order of this Court on January 14, 2025, for a period of two (2) years with six (6) months active suspension. A Notice of Submission was filed by Disciplinary Counsel indicating that the petition for reinstatement is satisfactory to the Board, that Mr. Hutson has satisfied all conditions set forth in the Order imposing discipline, and that he is eligible for reinstatement.

From all of which the Court grants the Petition for Reinstatement.

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

- 1. The Petitioner, John Edward Hutson, is hereby reinstated to the practice of law in the State of Tennessee pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 30.4(c).
- 2. Mr. Hutson shall pay to the Clerk of this Court the costs incurred herein within ninety (90) days of the entry of this Order, for which execution may issue if necessary.
- 3. In accordance with Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.9, within fifteen (15) days of the entry of this order, Mr. Hutson shall provide the Board with the names of three (3) attorneys willing to serve as his practice monitor for six months. Upon receiving notice of the Board's selection of a practice monitor, Mr. Hutson shall immediately engage the practice monitor to serve for six months, during which time the practice monitor shall meet monthly with Mr. Hutson to review and assess his caseload, case management, timeliness of performing tasks, adequacy of communication with clients, and accounting procedures. The practice monitor shall also provide monthly written reports of Mr. Hutson's progress to Disciplinary Counsel. Mr. Hutson shall ensure the practice monitor provides these required monthly written reports to Disciplinary Counsel on a timely basis.

- 4. Mr. Hutson shall contact the Tennessee Lawyers Assistance Program (TLAP) within five (5) days of the entry of this order for possible evaluation, and he shall follow any and all recommendations of TLAP. Furthermore, Mr. Hutson shall give TLAP permission to communicate with the Board regarding any monitoring agreement.
- 5. During the period of probation, Mr. Hutson shall incur no new complaints of misconduct that relate to conduct occurring during the period of suspension and probation and which results in the recommendation by the Board that discipline be imposed. In the event Mr. Hutson violates or otherwise fails to meet any condition of probation, Disciplinary Counsel shall be authorized to file a petition to revoke Mr. Hutson's probation pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 14.2. Upon a finding that revocation is warranted, Mr. Hutson shall serve the previously deferred full period of suspension.
- 6. The Board of Professional Responsibility shall cause notice of this reinstatement to be published as required by Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 28.11.

PER CURIAM