

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE

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In Re: WESLEY JESSE LADNER, III, BPR #035788
An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee
(Davidson County)

No. M2024-00311-SC-BAR-BP
BOPR No. 2021-3215-5-JB

ORDER OF ENFORCEMENT

This matter is before the Court upon a Petition for Discipline filed against Wesley Jesse Ladner, III, on December 22, 2021; upon a First Amended Petition for Discipline filed against Mr. Ladner on February 3, 2022; upon Mr. Ladner's filing Respondent's Amended First Response to the First Amended Petition for Discipline filed July 1, 2022; upon a First Amended Conditional Guilty Plea filed by Mr. Ladner on September 28, 2023; upon the Hearing Panel's Order Recommending Approval of First Amended Conditional Guilty Plea entered October 2, 2023; upon service on Respondent of the Order Recommending Approval of First Amended Conditional Guilty Plea via email by the Executive Secretary of the Board on October 2, 2023; upon consideration and approval by the Board of Professional Responsibility on December 8, 2023; and upon the entire record in this cause.

From all of which, the Court approves the Order of the Hearing Panel and adopts the Order Recommending Approval of Conditional Guilty Plea as the Court's Order.

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

- (1) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.4 (2014), Wesley Jesse Ladner, III, is hereby publicly censured.
- (2) The imposition of the Public Censure is conditioned upon the following:
 - (a) Mr. Ladner, at his cost, if any, 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). Mr. Ladner shall, in utilizing a Practice Monitor, comply with all requirements as contained in Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.9(c). The Practice Monitor shall, for a period of two (2) years, meet with Mr. Ladner monthly and assess Mr. Ladner'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. Ladner's progress to Disciplinary Counsel.

- (b) Within ten (10) days of the entry of the Order of Enforcement, Mr. Ladner 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. Ladner 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. Ladner to establish contact with TLAP, cooperate with the evaluation process, execute the recommended monitoring agreement, or substantially comply with the terms and conditions of the executed monitoring agreement. Mr. Ladner shall execute the appropriate release to allow TLAP to communicate with the Board regarding any monitoring agreement.
- (c) Mr. Ladner 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 \$2,160.00. In addition to these costs, Mr. Ladner shall be assessed a separate \$100.00 fee for the filing of this matter. Mr. Ladner shall pay this filing fee to the Board and shall pay to the Clerk of this Court the court costs incurred herein.
- (d) In the event Mr. Ladner fails to meet or maintain any condition of this Conditional Guilty Plea, these disciplinary proceedings may be reopened.

(3) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 31.3(d), 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.

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

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

PER CURIAM