IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE AT NASHVILLE

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IN RE: JANET MONIQUE OKOYE, BPR NO. 027923

An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee (Birmingham, AL)

No. M2022-01764-SC-BAR-BP BOPR No. 2022-3238-5-DB

CORRECTED ORDER OF ENFORCEMENT

This matter is before the Court upon a Petition for Discipline against Janet Monique Okoye filed on March 29, 2022; upon Motion for Default Judgment and that Charges in Petition for Discipline be Deemed Admitted filed on May 6, 2022; upon Order for Default Judgment and Setting of Final Hearing entered on June 7, 2022; upon service of Order for Default Judgment and Setting of Final Hearing on Ms. Okoye by the Executive Secretary of the Board of Professional Responsibility ("Board") on June 7, 2022; upon a Supplemental Order Granting Leave to Respondent to Request to Re-Convene Final Hearing, and Setting Deadlines and Dates for Re-Convened Final Hearing entered by the Hearing Panel on August 16, 2022; upon Findings and Judgment of Hearing Panel entered on September 9, 2022; upon service of Findings and Judgment of Hearing Panel on Ms. Okoye by the Executive Secretary of the Board on September 9, 2022; upon the Board's Application for Assessment of Costs filed on September 14, 2022; upon Findings and Judgment for Assessment of Costs entered on October 5, 2022; upon service of Findings and Judgment for Assessment of Costs on Ms. Okoye by the Executive Secretary of the Board on October 5, 2022; 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 Findings and Judgment of Hearing Panel as the Court's Order.

On March 3, 2022, Ms. Okoye was temporarily suspended by this Court pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9 § 12.3, by entry of an Order of Temporary Suspension Order (M2022-00269-SC-BPR-BP). To date, Ms. Okoye has not requested nor been granted reinstatement.

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

- (1) Ms. Okoye is permanently disbarred from the practice of law pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct., R. 9, § 12.1.
- (2) Ms. Okoye shall comply in all aspects with Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 28 regarding the obligations and responsibilities of disbarred attorneys.
- (3) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 31.3(d), Ms. Okoye 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 \$1,457.00, which includes \$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.
- (4) The Order of Temporary Suspension entered March 3, 2022 (Order No. M2022-00269-SC-BPR-BP) is hereby dissolved.
- (5) The Board of Professional Responsibility shall cause notice of this discipline to be published as required by Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 28.11.
- (6) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 28.1, this Order shall be effective upon entry.

PER CURIAM