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SHELBY COUNTY LAWYER SUSPENDED

On August 14, 2018, the Supreme Court of Tennessee suspended Memphis attorney Larry Edward Parrish from the practice of law for six (6) months, with one (1) month to be served on active suspension and the remaining five (5) months on probation. This suspension will be effective 10 days from the date of the Supreme Court Order. Mr. Parrish must pay the Board's costs and expenses and the court costs within ninety days of the entry of the Order of Enforcement.

The Board of Professional Responsibility filed a Petition for Discipline against Mr. Parrish based upon a complaint of misconduct. Mr. Parrish made derogatory statements in motions to recuse three judges on the Tennessee Court of Appeals after an adverse decision such as "This is not about miscalling balls and strikes; this is about rigging the game"; "The repeated statements in [the judge's] Memorandum Opinion ... [are] a convenient and illegitimately purposeful fabrication"; and "... although there is no evidence that [the judge] received a bribe to do what he is doing, [the judge] is doing what a bribe-taking judge would do to victimize a litigant..." A hearing panel found that Mr. Parrish violated Tennessee Rules of Professional conduct 3.5 (e) (conduct intended to disrupt a tribunal), 8.2 (a) (1) (false statement concerning qualifications and integrity of a judge), 8.4 (a) (misconduct) and 8.4 (d) (conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice). The hearing panel imposed public censure.

The Board of Professional Responsibility appealed the decision. The trial court affirmed the findings of the hearing panel, but imposed a six (6) month suspension with one month to be served as an active suspension. Mr. Parrish appealed and the Tennessee Supreme Court affirmed the decision of the trial court, concluding that the hearing panel acted arbitrarily and capriciously by issuing a public censure.

Mr. Parrish must comply with the requirements of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Sections 18 (2006) and 30 (2014), regarding the obligations and responsibilities of suspended attorneys and may not return to the active practice of law until an order of reinstatement has been entered by the Supreme Court.