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**SUPREME COURT AFFIRMS JUDGMENT ASSESSING COSTS  
AGAINST SHELBY COUNTY LAWYER**

On March 8, 2021, the Supreme Court of Tennessee entered a Memorandum Opinion in *In Re Larry E. Parrish*, No. W2020-00907-SC-R3-BP, affirming the Tennessee Board of Professional Responsibility's assessment of costs from a disciplinary proceeding to Memphis attorney Larry E. Parrish and ordered him to pay the costs within 45 days.

Mr. Parrish was suspended previously by Tennessee Supreme Court from practicing law for six months, with 30 days to be served on active suspension and the remainder on probation. Mr. Parrish agreed to a payment plan for the Board's costs and, after serving his 30-day suspension, was reinstated by the Supreme Court to the practice of law. Shortly after reinstatement, Mr. Parrish petitioned the Board to revoke the costs assessed against him, claiming the Board should have assessed costs based on the revised version of Rule 9 in effect when he was reinstated rather than Rule 9 in effect in 2013 when his disciplinary proceeding was initiated.

The Supreme Court affirmed the hearing panel's decision, holding that the version of Rule 9 that applies in the assessment of costs depends on when the disciplinary case was filed or initiated, not when the attorney was reinstated, and the costs were properly assessed against Mr. Parrish under the version of Rule 9 in effect when his misconduct was reported to the Board in 2013. Pursuant to the Memorandum Opinion of the Supreme Court, Mr. Parrish is required to pay the assessed costs to the Board within 45 days, and failure to timely pay the costs may serve as a ground for revocation of his reinstatement to practice law.