

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE

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IN RE: GARY NEIL PATTON, BPR #003878
An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee
(Rutherford County)

No. M2023-00610-SC-BAR-BP
BOPR No. 2022-3257-4-AW

ORDER OF ENFORCEMENT

This matter is before the Court upon a Petition for Discipline filed against Gary Neil Patton on June 29, 2022; upon Conditional Guilty Plea filed by Mr. Patton on March 24, 2023; upon an Order Recommending Approval of Conditional Guilty Plea entered by the Hearing Panel on March 31, 2023; upon service of the Order Recommending Approval of Conditional Guilty Plea entered by Hearing Panel on Mr. Patton by the Executive Secretary of the Board on March 31, 2023; and upon consideration and approval by the Board on April 17, 2023.

From all of which, the Court approves the recommendation 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) Mr. Patton is suspended, pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, §12.2, for one (1) year with thirty (30) days served as an active suspension, and the remainder served on probation. The grant of probation is subject to the following conditions:

(a) incurring no new complaints of misconduct that relate to conduct occurring during the period of suspension and probation and which result in the recommendation by the Board that discipline be imposed.

(2) Should Mr. Patton fail to meet or maintain any of the terms or conditions of probation, the grant of probation herein may be revoked pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 14.2.

(3) Prior to seeking reinstatement, Mr. Patton must have met all CLE requirements; have remitted all outstanding registration fees and outstanding professional privilege taxes, including those due from the date of this suspension until the date of reinstatement; and have remitted all court costs and Board costs in this matter. In addition, Mr. Patton shall be in substantial compliance with the terms and conditions of this Order.

(4) Mr. Patton shall comply in all aspects with Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, §§ 28 and 30.4, regarding the obligations and responsibilities of suspended attorneys and the procedure for reinstatement.

(5) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 31.3(d), Mr. Patton 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 \$1,025.00, which includes the assessment of \$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.

(6) The Board of Professional Responsibility shall cause notice of this discipline to be published as required by Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 28.11.

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

PER CURIAM