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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: BRIAN CHADWICK RICKMAN, BPR #017534
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March 28, 2022

KNOX COUNTY LAWYER SUSPENDED

Effective March 28, 2022, the Supreme Court of Tennessee suspended Brian Chadwick Rickman from the practice of law for one (1) year pursuant to Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 12.2.

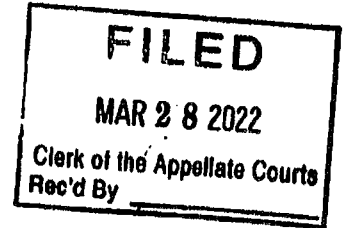
An Amended Petition for Discipline was filed against Mr. Rickman, alleging unethical conduct during the litigation of a contentious child custody matter. After a hearing on the disciplinary complaints, a Hearing Panel found Mr. Rickman intentionally and knowingly engaged in abusive and obstreperous conduct intended to disrupt the proceedings of the tribunal and continued this unethical behavior despite multiple warnings from the court. The Hearing Panel further found Mr. Rickman made statements in open court and in pleadings that were knowingly false or made with reckless disregard as to the truth of the statements, impugning the integrity and reputation of the presiding judge.

The Hearing Panel found the above conduct by Mr. Rickman violated Rules of Professional Conduct 3.5(e) (Impartiality and Decorum of the Tribunal), 8.2(a)(1) (Judicial and Legal Officials), and 8.4(a) and (d) (Misconduct).

Mr. Rickman must comply with the requirements of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Sections 28 and 30.4 regarding the obligations and responsibilities of suspended attorneys and the procedure for reinstatement.

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE



IN RE: BRIAN CHADWICK RICKMAN, BPR #017534
An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee
(Knox County)

No. M2022-00338-SC-BAR-BP
BOPR No. 2018-2810-2-WM

ORDER OF ENFORCEMENT

This matter is before the Court upon a Petition for Discipline filed against Brian Chadwick Rickman on January 4, 2018; upon Answer to Petition for Discipline filed by Mr. Rickman on May 24, 2018; upon an Amended Petition for Discipline filed against Mr. Rickman on July 6, 2018; upon Answer to Amended Petition filed by Mr. Rickman on July 5, 2019; upon Final Hearing of this matter before the appointed Hearing Panel conducted on September 21, 2021; upon Judgment and Order of the Hearing Panel entered on November 22, 2021, and served on that date upon Mr. Rickman by the Executive Secretary of the Board; 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 Hearing Panel's Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Judgment as the Court's Order.

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

(1) Mr. Rickman is suspended from the practice of law for one (1) year pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.2.

(2) Prior to seeking reinstatement, Mr. Rickman 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. Rickman shall be in substantial compliance with the terms and conditions of this Order.

(3) Mr. Rickman 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.

(4) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 31.3(d), Mr. Rickman 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 \$5,398.15. Mr. Rickman shall be assessed \$100.00 for the cost of filing this matter and pay this filing fee to the Board 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.

(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