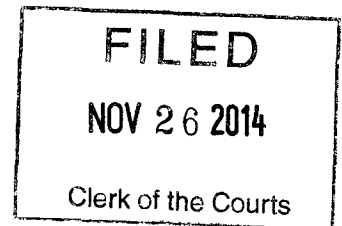


IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE

IN RE: STEVEN E. SAMS, BPR # 22560
An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee
(Knox County)

NO. M2014-02289-SC-BAR-BP
BOPR DOCKET NO. 2012-2153-2-KB



ORDER OF ENFORCEMENT

This matter is before the Court upon a Petition for Discipline filed against Steven E. Sams on September 6, 2012; upon Steven E. Sams' Response to Petition for Discipline filed on September 28, 2012; upon an Order on November 6, 2013, striking Steven E. Sams' Response to Petition for Discipline; upon a Supplemental Petition for Discipline filed against Steven E. Sams on January 16, 2014; upon a Motion for Default Judgment and that Charges in Petition for Discipline Be Deemed Admitted filed by the Board on March 18, 2014; upon entry of an Order for Default Judgment on April 16, 2014; upon a hearing on May 30, 2014; upon the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Judgment entered on September 11, 2014; upon service of the Judgment upon Mr. Sams by the Executive Secretary of the Board on September 11, 2014; upon consideration and approval by the Board on October 30, 2014; upon expiration of the appeal period with no appeal taken; and upon the entire record in this cause.¹

From all of which the Court approves the Judgment of the Hearing Panel and adopts the Hearing Panel's Judgment recommending a disbarment.

On September 12, 2013, Mr. Sams was temporarily suspended by this Court pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 4.3 (Case No. M2013-02042-SC-BPR-BP). To date, Mr. Sams has not requested, nor been granted, reinstatement.

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

- (1) Steven E. Sams is disbarred pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 4.1 (2006).

¹Because this cause was initiated prior to January 1, 2014, it is governed by Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9 (2006) unless otherwise noted.

(2) Additionally, Mr. Sams shall comply in all aspects with Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 18 (2006) and Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 30.4 (2014) regarding the obligations and responsibilities of disbarred attorneys and the procedure for reinstatement. Mr. Sams must meet all CLE requirements and all registration requirements prior to reinstatement. Further, the temporary suspension Order entered on September 12, 2013, in Case No. M2013-02042-SC-BPR-BP, is hereby dissolved.

(3) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 18.5 (2006), this Order shall be effective ten (10) days after the date of entry.

(4) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 24.3 (2006), Mr. Sams shall pay to the Board of Professional Responsibility the expenses and costs of this matter in the amount of \$2,617.14 and shall pay to the Clerk of this Court the costs incurred herein, within ninety (90) days of the entry of this Order, for all of which execution may issue if necessary.

(5) The Board of Professional Responsibility shall cause notice of this discipline to be published as required by Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 18.10 (2006).

PER CURIAM