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. M2016-01588-SC-BAR-BP BOPR DOCKET NO. 2015-2514-2-AJ FILED

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Clerk of the Courts
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ORDER OF ENFORCEMENT

This matter is before the Court upon a Petition for Discipline filed against Steven E. Sams on November 18, 2015; upon Motion for Default Judgment and that Charges in Petition for Discipline be Deemed Admitted filed on March 14, 2016; upon Order for Default entered on April 4, 2016; upon the Judgment of the Hearing Panel entered on May 24, 2016; upon service of the Judgment of the Hearing Panel on Mr. Sams by the Executive Secretary of the Board on May 24, 2016; upon the Board of Professional Responsibility's Application for Assessment of Costs filed on May 26, 2016; upon Judgment on Board of Professional Responsibility's Application for Assessment of Costs entered on June 1, 2016; upon service of the Judgment on Board of Professional Responsibility's Application for Assessment of Costs on Mr. Sams by the Executive Secretary of the Board on June 1, 2016; upon consideration and approval by the Board on June 10, 2016; 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 Judgment as the Court's Order.

On September 12, 2013, Mr. Sams was temporarily suspended by this Court pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 4.3(2006) (Case No. M2013-02042-SC-BPR-BP). On November 26, 2014, Mr. Sams was disbarred by this Court pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 4.1 (2006), (Case No. M2014-02289-SC-BPR-BP). To date, Mr. Sams has not requested, nor been granted, reinstatement.

- IT IS, THEREFORE, CONSIDERED, ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED BY THE COURT THAT:
 - (1) Steven E. Sams is disbarred from the practice of law pursuant to Tenn. Sup.

Ct. R. 9, § 12.1, retroactive to November 26, 2014.

- (2) Prior to seeking reinstatement, Mr. Sams must meet 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.
- (3) Additionally, Mr. Sams shall comply in all aspects with Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, §§ 28 and 30.4 regarding the obligations and responsibilities of disbarred attorneys and the procedure for reinstatement.
- (4) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 28.1, this Order shall be effective upon entry.
- (5) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 31.3(d), Mr. Sams shall pay to the Board of Professional Responsibility the expenses and costs of this matter in the amount of \$522.74 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.
- (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.

PER CURIAM