

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE

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IN RE: STEVEN EDWARD SAMS, BPR NO. 022560
An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee
(Knox County)

No. M2023-00840-SC-BAR-BP
BOPR No. 2021-3196-2-AJ

ORDER OF ENFORCEMENT

This matter is before the Court upon a Petition for Discipline filed against Steven Edward Sams on September 1, 2021; upon Answer to the Petition filed on October 15, 2021; upon a Motion to Withdraw filed on November 30, 2022, by Respondent’s counsel; upon Response to Motion to Withdraw filed on November 30, 2022; upon Order Granting Motion to Withdraw issued on December 2, 2022; upon service of Order Granting Motion to Withdraw on Mr. Sams on December 2, 2022; upon hearing of this matter on December 5-6, 2022; upon Hearing Panel’s Order Denying Petitioner’s oral Motion for Default entered on January 31, 2022; upon Judgment of Disbarment entered on January 31, 2023; upon service of the Order Denying Motion for Default and the Judgment of Disbarment on Mr. Sams by the Executive Secretary of the Board on January 31, 2023; upon the Board of Professional Responsibility’s Application for Assessment of Costs filed on February 3, 2023; upon the Hearing Panel’s Findings and Judgment Approving the Board’s Application for Assessment of Costs entered on March 15, 2023; upon service of the Hearing Panel’s Findings and Judgment Approving the Board’s Application for Assessment of Costs on Mr. Sams by the Executive Secretary of the Board on March 15, 2023; 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 Judgment of the Hearing Panel and adopts the Hearing Panel’s Judgment.

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

- (1) Mr. Sams is permanently disbarred from the practice of law pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct., R., § 12.1.
- (2) Mr. Sams shall comply in all aspects with Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 28, regarding the obligations and responsibilities of disbarred attorneys.

(3) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 31.3, Mr. Sams 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 \$10,467.70. Mr. Sams 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.

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

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

PER CURIAM