

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE  
AT NASHVILLE  
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**BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY OF THE SUPREME  
COURT OF TENNESSEE v. MICHAEL GIBBS SHEPPARD**

**Chancery Court for Williamson County  
No. 45692**

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**No. M2017-00804-SC-R3-BP**

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**JUDGMENT**

This case was heard upon the record on appeal from the Chancery Court for Williamson County, the briefs of the parties, and the argument of counsel. Upon consideration thereof, this Court holds that the sanction issued by the hearing panel of the Tennessee Board of Professional Responsibility for Michael Gibbs Sheppard's violation of Rules 1.15 and 8.4 of the Tennessee Rules of Professional Conduct was supported by material and substantial evidence and was not arbitrary, capricious, or characterized by an abuse of discretion.

In accordance with the opinion filed herein, it is, therefore, ordered and adjudged that the judgment of the Chancery Court for Williamson County is reversed and the decision of the hearing panel to suspend Mr. Sheppard for sixty days, to be followed by two years of probation under the supervision of a practice monitor, and the requirement to complete fifteen hours of continuing legal education on law office management and trust accounting procedure, is affirmed. The costs of this cause are taxed to the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Supreme Court of Tennessee.