

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE
Assigned on Briefs May 28, 2020

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IN RE: WINSTON BRADSHAW SITTON, BPR#018440

No. M2020-00401-SC-BAR-BP

JUDGMENT

This attorney disciplinary matter was heard on briefs after the Court determined that the sanction proposed by the Board of Professional Responsibility hearing panel appeared inadequate. We have reviewed the entire record and the briefs of the respondent attorney and disciplinary counsel for the Board of Professional Responsibility record “with a view to attaining uniformity of punishment throughout the state and appropriateness of punishment under the circumstances of [this] case,” Tenn. Sup.Ct. R. 9, § 15.4(b). In light of the seriousness of the attorney’s rule violations and the presence of certain aggravating factors, we modify the judgment of the hearing panel to impose a four-year suspension from the practice of law, with one year to be served on active suspension and the remainder on probation. Additionally, prior to reinstatement to the active practice of law, Mr. Sitton shall complete nine CLE hours (online or in-person), in addition to the annual CLE requirement, pertaining to ethical use of social media by attorneys. Mr. Sitton must comply in all respects with Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, specifically with regard to the obligations and responsibilities of suspended attorneys.

In accordance with the opinion filed herein, the sanction imposed by the hearing panel is hereby modified. Costs of these proceedings are taxed to Mr. Sitton, for which execution may issue if necessary.

It is SO ORDERED.

PER CURIAM