

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE

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IN RE: PAUL JAMES SPRINGER, BPR #021267
An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee
(Shelby County)

No. M2019-00801-SC-BAR-BP
BOPR No. 2015-2460-9-AW

ORDER OF ENFORCEMENT

This matter is before the Court upon a Petition for Discipline filed against Paul James Springer on May 29, 2015; upon a Motion for Default Judgment and that Charges in Petition for Discipline Be Deemed Admitted filed by the Board on October 28, 2015; upon a Notice from the Board of Professional Responsibility It Is Striking the Motion for Default Judgment filed on November 9, 2015; upon Response to Petition for Discipline filed by Mr. Springer on November 9, 2015; upon a final hearing before a hearing panel on September 14, 2017; upon an Order on Disciplinary Hearing entered December 11, 2017; upon service of the Order on Disciplinary Hearing upon Mr. Springer by the Executive Secretary of the Board on December 11, 2017; upon the Board of Professional Responsibility's Application for Assessment of Costs filed December 22, 2017; upon the Hearing Panel's Findings and Judgment for Assessment of Costs entered January 10, 2018; upon service of the Hearing Panel's Judgment for Assessment of Costs upon Mr. Springer by the Executive Secretary of the Board on January 10, 2018; upon a Motion to Alter or Amend the Hearing Panel's Order on Disciplinary Hearing or in the Alternative Make Additional Findings of Facts filed by Mr. Springer on January 11, 2018; upon the Board filing its Response of Board in Opposition to Respondent's Motion to Alter or Amend the Hearing Panel's Order on Disciplinary Hearing or in the Alternative Make Additional Findings of Fact on January 24, 2018; upon the Hearing Panel's Order Denying Respondent's Motion to Alter or Amend filed February 7, 2018; upon service of the Order Denying Respondent's Motion to Alter or Amend on Mr. Springer by the Executive Secretary of the Board on February 7, 2018; upon Mr. Springer's filing a Petition for Certiorari with the Chancery Court for the Thirtieth Judicial District at Memphis on April 9, 2018; upon Mr. Springer filing a Motion for Extension of Time to File Hearing Brief for Writ of Certiorari on September 24, 2018; upon the Response of Board of Professional Responsibility to Motion for Extension of Time to File Hearing

Brief for Writ of Certiorari and Report of Status of Other Disciplinary Matters on October 19, 2018; upon the Board's Supplemental Report of Status of Other Disciplinary Matters filed October 22, 2018; upon the Order Denying Petitioner's Motion for Extension and Order Dismissing Appeal entered by the Chancery Court on October 31, 2018; upon Mr. Springer filing Plaintiff's Motion to Set Aside or Alter or Amend the Dismissing Petitioner's Writ of Certiorari; upon the filing of the Response of the Board of Professional Responsibility to Motion to Set Aside or Alter or Amend the Order Dismissing Petitioner's Writ of Certiorari on December 19, 2018; upon the Chancery Court's Order Denying Petitioner's Motion to Set Aside or Alter or Amend the Dismissing Petitioner's Writ of Certiorari on December 19, 2018; upon the Board of Professional Responsibility's Application for Assessment of Costs filed January 9, 2019; upon the Chancery Court's Findings and Judgment for Assessment of Costs filed February 1, 2019; upon Mr. Springer filing a Notice of Appeal on January 18, 2019; upon the clerk of trial court's notice and filing an Affidavit of Noncompliance with Tennessee Rule of Appellate Procedure 24 on March 25, 2019; upon this Court's Order to Show Cause entered April 3, 2019; upon the clerk of the trial court's second notice and filing Second Affidavit of Non-Compliance on April 16, 2019; upon Mr. Springer filing a Statement of the Evidence Pursuant to 24(D) and Petitioner's Response to Show Cause with the Shelby County Chancery Court on April 22, 2019; upon this Court's Order dismissing this appeal filed on April 23, 2019; 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 Order on Disciplinary Hearing as the Court's Order.

On June 23, 2016, Mr. Springer was suspended from the practice of law for two (2) years and sixty (60) days pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 4.2 (Case No. M2016-01120-SC-BAR-BP). On October 2, 2018, Mr. Springer was disbarred pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.1 (Case No. M2018-01730-SC-BAR-BP). To date, Mr. Springer has not requested, nor been granted, reinstatement from the suspension or the disbarment.

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

(1) Paul James Springer is disbarred from the practice of law pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.1.

(2) Prior to seeking reinstatement, Mr. Springer must have met all CLE requirements; have remitted all outstanding registration fees and outstanding professional privilege taxes, including those due from the date of this disbarment until the date of reinstatement; and have remitted all court costs and Board costs in this matter.

(3) Additionally, Mr. Springer 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. Springer shall pay to the Board of Professional Responsibility the expenses and costs of this matter in the amount of \$6,217.81 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