

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE

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IN RE: DOUGLAS A. TRANT, BPR #006871

An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee
(Knox County)

No. M2025-00337-SC-BAR-BP

ORDER OF ENFORCEMENT

This matter is before the Court upon a Petition for Discipline filed against Douglas A. Trant on November 20, 2023; upon a Certificate of Electronic Service of Petition for Discipline filed January 10, 2024; upon Petitioner’s Motion for Default Judgment and that Charges in Petition for Discipline be Deemed Admitted filed on February 21, 2024; upon an Order Granting Default Judgment filed on March 27, 2024; upon service of the Order Granting Default Judgment upon Mr. Trant by the Executive Secretary of the Board on March 27, 2024; upon hearing of this matter before the appointed Hearing Panel on September 5, 2024; upon Final Order of the Hearing Panel entered on October 7, 2024; upon service of the Final Order of the Hearing Panel on Mr. Trant by the Executive Secretary of the Board on October 7, 2024; upon the Board of Professional Responsibility’s Application for Assessment of Cost filed on October 21, 2024; upon Findings and Judgment for Assessment of Costs entered on November 15, 2024; upon service of the Findings and Judgment for Assessment of Costs on Mr. Trant by the Executive Secretary of the Board on November 15, 2024; 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 Final Order of the Hearing Panel, adopts the Hearing Panel’s Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, and further adopts the Hearing Panel’s recommendation that Mr. Trant be disbarred as this Court’s Order.

On February 21, 2023, Mr. Trant was temporarily suspended by this Court pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, §§ 10.5 (non-payment of annual dues) and 26.3 (non-payment of professional privilege tax) and Tenn. Sup. Ct. R 43, § 13 (non-compliance with mandatory IOLTA reporting requirements). To date, Mr. Trant has not requested nor been granted reinstatement.

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

(1) Mr. Trant is permanently disbarred from the practice of law pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct., R., § 12.1.

(2) Mr. Trant shall comply in all respects 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(d), Mr. Trant 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 \$1,775.00, which includes \$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

