

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE

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In Re: GERALD DENNY WAGGONER, JR., BPR NO. 013988
(Shelby County)

No. M2017-01434-SC-BAR-BP

ORDER OF REINSTATEMENT

This matter is before the Court, pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 30.4(d), upon a Petition for Reinstatement filed on October 17, 2024, by the Petitioner, Gerald Denny Waggoner, Jr. (hereinafter “Mr. Waggoner”). Mr. Waggoner was suspended from the practice of law by Order of Enforcement (M2017-01434-SC-BAR-BP) entered by this Court on August 1, 2017. On April 30, 2025, Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Judgment of the Hearing Panel was entered, recommending Mr. Waggoner be reinstated. On May 30, 2025, Findings and Judgment for Assessment of Costs was entered by the Hearing Panel. The Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Judgment of the Hearing Panel and the Findings and Judgment for Assessment of Costs were considered and approved by the Board on July 30, 2025.

From all of which, the Court approves the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Judgment of the Hearing Panel and the Findings and Judgment for Assessment of Costs and adopts the same as this Court’s Order.

Mr. Waggoner is currently suspended pursuant to an Order of Enforcement (W2022-01294-SC-R3-BP) entered July 11, 2023, and the Petition for Reinstatement also sought reinstatement from that suspension.

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

1. The Petitioner, Gerald Denny Waggoner, Jr., is hereby reinstated to the practice of law in the State of Tennessee pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 30.4(d) and placed on probation for a period of two (2) years from the date of the entry of this Order of Reinstatement.

2. During each calendar year of probation, Mr. Waggoner shall obtain six (6) hours of Continuing Legal Education (CLE) specifically tailored to the proper handling of client funds and property. The six (6) hours of CLE shall be in addition to the fifteen (15)

hours required annually for attorneys.

3. Mr. Waggoner, for a period of two (2) years from the date of the entry of this Order of Reinstatement, shall engage a practice monitor in accordance with Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.9. Mr. Waggoner shall meet in person with his practice monitor on a monthly basis to (i) review and approve his office practices, (ii) review and approve his client retainer agreements, (iii) monitor all trust accounts to ensure compliance with trust account procedures and rules established by this Court, (iv) ensure the practice monitor provides monthly written reports to the Board detailing his progress and compliance with the order of reinstatement, (v) review, reconcile, and balance all trust accounts and individual client ledgers on a monthly basis, and (vi) employ a Certified Public Accountant to review, reconcile, and balance all trust accounts on a biannual basis for two (2) years from the date of the entry of this order of reinstatement and provide such report to his practice monitor.

4. Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 24.3, Mr. Waggoner shall pay to the Board of Professional Responsibility the expenses and costs of this matter in the amount of \$2,655.95 and shall pay to the Clerk of this Court the costs taxed herein, within ninety (90) days of the entry of this Order, for all of which execution may issue if necessary.

5. Reinstatement of Mr. Waggoner in Docket No. W2022-01294-SC-R3-BP shall be addressed by separate Order.

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

PER CURIAM