

**IN DISCIPLINARY DISTRICT I  
OF THE  
BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY  
OF THE  
SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE**

**IN RE: LAWRENCE A. WELCH, JR.,  
BPR #14684, Respondent  
An Attorney Licensed and  
Admitted to the Practice of  
Law in Tennessee  
(Greene County)**

**DOCKET NO. 2005P-1497-1-SG**

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**FINDINGS AND JUDGMENT OF THE HEARING PANEL**

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This cause was heard by a Hearing Panel of the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Supreme Court of Tennessee on July 25, 2006. This Hearing Panel, consisting of Roger Glenn Day, Chair, and William John Cockett, makes the following Findings of Fact and submits its Judgment as follows:

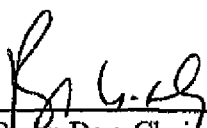
1. The Board of Professional Responsibility filed a Petition for Discipline against the Respondent on March 21, 2005.
  
2. The Respondent filed an Answer to the Petition for Discipline on August 16, 2005.

3. The Board of Professional Responsibility filed a Reply to the Respondent's Answer on September 16, 2005.
4. The Board of Professional Responsibility filed a Motion to Compel Inspection on February 16, 2006.
5. An Order Compelling Inspection was entered by the Hearing Panel on April 19, 2006.
6. The Board of Professional Responsibility filed a Motion That The Charges Be Taken As Established on April 20, 2006.
7. The Hearing Panel entered its Order that Facts Be Taken As Established on May 12, 2006.
8. Pursuant to Notice of Hearing filed May 19, 2006, a hearing was held July 25, 2006.
9. The Respondent failed to appear at this July 25, 2006 hearing.

JUDGMENT

Based upon the above pleadings and after argument by Disciplinary Counsel, the Hearing Panel recommends the Respondent be disbarred effective immediately. Further, the Hearing Panel recommends the Respondent make restitution to the Dunn Estate or the Complainant in the amount of \$25,000. Lastly, the Hearing Panel recommends the Board of Professional Responsibility notify the District Attorney regarding the Respondent's apparent conversion of \$25,000.

FOR THE PANEL:

  
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Roger Glenn Day, Chair