

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE  
AT NASHVILLE

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Clerk of the  
Appellate Courts

**IN RE: MELVIN JACOB WERNER, BPR # 015909**

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

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**No. M2025-00643-SC-BAR-BP**

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**ORDER OF ENFORCEMENT**

This matter is before the Court upon a Petition for Discipline filed against Melvin Jacob Werner on August 24, 2020, by the Board of Professional Responsibility (“Board”); upon Mr. Werner’s Answer to Petition for Discipline filed September 24, 2020; upon a Supplemental Petition for Discipline against Mr. Werner filed November 24, 2021; upon Mr. Werner’s Answer to Supplemental Petition for Discipline filed February 18, 2022; upon the Board’s Motion for Summary Judgment, and memorandum of law and statement of undisputed material facts in support thereof, all filed on May 2, 2024; upon Mr. Werner’s response in opposition to the Board’s Motion for Summary Judgment and response to the Board’s statement of undisputed material facts, both filed on May 30, 2024; upon the Hearing Panel’s Memorandum and Order on the Board’s Motion for Summary Judgment entered September 6, 2024; upon service of the Hearing Panel’s Memorandum and Order on the Board’s Motion for Summary Judgment upon Mr. Werner by the Executive Secretary of the Board on September 6, 2024; upon a hearing of this matter before the appointed Hearing Panel on September 30, 2024; upon the Final Order of the Hearing Panel Including Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, recommending therein that Mr. Werner be permanently disbarred, entered on December 10, 2024; upon service of the Final Order of the Hearing Panel on Mr. Werner by the Executive Secretary of the Board on December 10, 2024; upon the Board’s Application for Assessment of Costs filed on December 23, 2024; upon Findings and Judgment for Assessment of Costs entered on January 30, 2025; upon service of the Findings and Judgment for Assessment of Costs on Mr. Werner by the Executive Secretary of the Board on January 30, 2025; upon consideration and approval by the Board on March 14, 2025; 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. Werner be disbarred as this Court’s Order.

On December 3, 2021, Mr. Werner was temporarily suspended by this Court pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, §§ 12.3, for misappropriation of client funds and for posing a threat of substantial harm to the public, under docket number M2021-01395-SC-BAR-BP (BOPR No. 2021-3202-2-JB-12.3). To date, Mr. Werner has not requested nor been granted reinstatement.

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

(1) Mr. Werner is permanently disbarred from the practice of law pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct., R. 9, § 12.1.

(2) Mr. Werner shall comply in all aspects with Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 28, regarding the obligations and responsibilities of disbarred attorneys.

(3) The Order of Temporary Suspension issued December 3, 2021, under docket number M2021-01395-SC-BAR-BP (BOPR No. 2021-3202-2-JB-12.3), is hereby dissolved.

(4) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 31.3(d), Mr. Werner shall pay the expenses and costs incurred to date by the Board in this matter in the amount of \$3,404.50, which includes \$100.00 for the cost of filing this matter, and shall 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 may issue.

(5) The Board shall cause notice of this discipline to be published as required by Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 28.11.

(6) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 28.1, this Order shall be effective upon entry.

PER CURIAM