

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE

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IN RE: WALTER FRANCIS WILLIAMS, BPR #005929
An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee
(Hamilton County)

No. M2024-01391-SC-BAR-BP
BOPR No. 2024-3437-3-EF-27

**ORDER TRANSFERRING ATTORNEY TO
DISABILITY INACTIVE STATUS**

This matter is before the Court upon a petition to transfer Walter Francis Williams to disability inactive status filed by the Tennessee Board of Professional Responsibility (“Board”) pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 27.4.

Upon due consideration of medical correspondence provided to the Board by Mr. Williams’s counsel, the Court concludes that Walter Francis Williams currently suffers from a disability by reason of mental or physical infirmity or illness, which disability makes it impossible for him to respond to or defend against the Petition for Discipline, Docket No. 2024-3414-3-EF, and Disciplinary Complaint File No. 70487-3-DN.

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

1. The law license of Walter Francis Williams shall be transferred to disability inactive status for an indefinite period of time and until further orders of the Supreme Court.
2. Mr. Williams shall comply with Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9 in all respects and particularly as provided in Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 28, regarding the responsibilities of attorneys transferred to disability inactive status.
3. Mr. Williams shall be allowed to petition for reinstatement to active status pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 27.7.
4. The Board shall publish notice of this transfer pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, §§ 27.5 and 28.11.
5. Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 32.4, documents other than this Order relating to Mr. Williams’s disability proceeding shall not be public records and shall be kept confidential.

6. The Court deems it proper and advisable to suspend pending disciplinary proceedings against Mr. Williams until further Orders of this Court, pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, Section 27.4(b).

PER CURIAM