

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE

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Clerk of the
Appellate Courts

IN RE: 2026 BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS MEMBERSHIP

No. ADM2026-00001

ORDER

This Court has the inherent power under the Tennessee Constitution to regulate and supervise the practice of law in this State. *See, e.g., Manookian v. Bd. of Pro. Resp.*, 685 S.W.3d 744, 801-02 (Tenn. 2024); *Dunlap v. Bd. of Pro. Resp.*, 595 S.W.3d 593, 606 (Tenn. 2020); *Flowers v. Bd. of Pro. Resp.*, 3S.W.3d 882, 891 (Tenn. 2010); *Petition of Burson*, 909 S.W.2d 768, 774 (Tenn. 1995). We also are charged with ensuring that Tennessee’s ethical rules governing attorney conduct are administered in a manner that upholds “the integrity of the bar and the public trust in our system of justice.” *Green v. Bd. of Pro. Resp.*, 567 S.W.3d 700, 713 (Tenn. 2019).

To aid this Court in fulfilling these responsibilities, we have created the Board of Professional Responsibility, but this Court remains “the source of authority of the Board of Professional Responsibility and all of its functions.” *In re Walwyn*, 531 S.W.3d 131, 136 (Tenn. 2017) (citing *In re Vogel*, 482 S.W.3d 520, 530 (Tenn. 2016); *Long v. Bd. of Pro. Resp.*, 435 S.W.3d 174, 178 (Tenn. 2014)). We appoint the members of the Board, Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 4.1, and we now find it necessary to remove a Board member.

In the exercise of our constitutional inherent authority and responsibilities, and effective immediately upon entry of this Order, we hereby remove from the Board of Professional Responsibility District Attorney General James (Jimmy) Bruce Dunn to ensure that the ethics rules are administered in a manner that both upholds the integrity of the bar and preserves the public trust in our system of justice. General Dunn’s removal is not, and should not be construed as, a comment upon his guilt or innocence of the criminal charges pending against him. General Dunn is constitutionally entitled to the presumption of innocence. Nor should General Dunn’s removal be construed as undermining any decision he has made as a member of the Board.

It is so ORDERED.

PER CURIAM