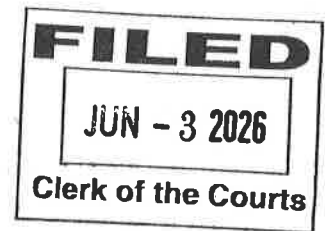


**BEFORE THE SUPREME COURT COMMITTEE ON PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT
PANEL B**

**IN RE: BRIAN LEE JOHNSON
 ARKANSAS BAR ID #2012045
 CPC Docket No. 2025-019**



FINDINGS AND ORDER

This matter comes before Panel B of the Committee on Office of Professional Conduct (“Committee”) pursuant to Respondent Attorney Brian Lee Johnson’s (“Johnson”) request for public hearing pursuant to Arkansas Supreme Court Procedures Regulating Professional Conduct of Attorneys at Law (“Procedures”) §10(E)(3). From evidence and arguments presented at the hearing on May 6, 2026, the Arkansas Rules of Professional Conduct (“Arkansas Rules”), and Procedures §19 Factors, Panel B of the Committee finds and orders as follows:

1. The formal charges of misconduct upon which this Findings and Order is based arose from information provided to the Committee by Michael Reay (“Reay”). The information is related to Johnson’s representation of Reay in a civil matter.

2. A brief recitation of the facts are as follows:

Reay contacted Johnson regarding representing him in a civil matter against a storage facility. Reay paid Johnson by giving him a gold coin valued at approximately \$2,500.00. After some time with no action and no communication from Johnson, Reay terminated Johnson and at the time of his termination, Johnson failed to return the gold coin given to him as a fee. Johnson; however, reimbursed Reay \$2,500.00 after service of the formal complaint upon him.

3. As to the allegation of violation of Arkansas Rule 1.3, this panel voted unanimously that no violation was proven.

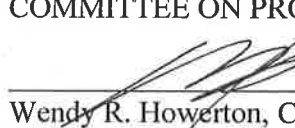
4. As to the allegation of violation of Arkansas Rule 1.4(a)(4), panel member Wendy Howerton voted proven, panel members Carlton Saffa, David Glover, LeAnne Burch, Thomas Haynes, and Judith Humphries voted not proven.

5. As to the allegation of violation of Rule 1.16(d), this panel voted unanimously that the allegation was proven.

6. As to allegation of violation of Rule 3.2, this panel voted unanimously that no violation was proven.

WHEREFORE, the panel wanted to issue a non-public warning¹, but that was not an option, so it is the decision and order of the Arkansas Supreme Court Committee on Professional Conduct, acting through its authorized Panel B, that Brian Lee Johnson, Arkansas Bar Number 2012045, be, and hereby is **Cautioned** for his conduct in this matter. No costs are assessed against Johnson in this matter.

ARKANSAS SUPREME COURT
COMMITTEE ON PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT



Wendy R. Howerton, Chair, Panel B

06/02/26

Date

FN1—Johnson's attorney objected at the outset of the hearing to the Supreme Court precedent that the Committee may not sanction with a non-public warning after a request for a public hearing. The Committee announced its preference to sanction with a warning and its inability to do so led it to Caution.