



Supreme Court of Missouri

en banc

June 23, 2020

In re: Allan H. Bell,)
)
Respondent.) Supreme Court No. SC97784
) MBE #19459

ORDER OF COMMITMENT

Now on this day, the Court finds Allan H. Bell in criminal contempt for intentionally violating this Court's April 1, 2019, suspension order as established by the factual findings set forth in the judgment of criminal contempt, which is incorporated and attached hereto. Having found Mr. Bell in criminal contempt, this Court has the authority to impose punishment. § 476.120, RSMo 2016; Rule 36.01(b).

The Court, having considered the complete record and being sufficiently advised of the facts and circumstances of the case briefed and argued before it, finds Mr. Bell's conduct following this Court's April 1, 2019, suspension order was deceptive, egregious, and showed a blatant disregard for the authority of Missouri's judicial system. By refusing to comply with Rule 5.27 and continuing to practice law despite knowledge of his suspension, Mr. Bell prevented multiple individuals from receiving timely and effective legal assistance. Such conduct is abhorrent, reflects negatively on the legal profession, and will not be tolerated by this Court.

Accordingly, the Court hereby orders Mr. Bell be remanded into the custody of the Marshal of the Supreme Court of Missouri to be transported into the custody of the Cole County Sheriff to serve a sentence of 30 days in the Cole County jail. The Court further orders Mr. Bell be fined \$21,000, payable to the clerk of the Supreme Court of Missouri.

Costs taxed to Respondent.

Day - to – Day

GEORGE W. DRAPER III
Chief Justice