



BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY
of the
SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE

LANCE B. BRACY
CHIEF DISCIPLINARY COUNSEL

LAURA L. CHASTAIN
DEPUTY CHIEF DISCIPLINARY COUNSEL

BEVERLY P. SHARPE
CONSUMER COUNSEL/DIRECTOR

1101 KERMIT DRIVE, SUITE 730
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE 37217
TELEPHONE: (615) 361-7500
(800) 486-5714
FAX: (615) 367-2480
E-MAIL: ethics@tbdpr.org

WILLIAM W. HUNT, III
CHARLES A. HIGH
SANDY GARRETT
JESSE D. JOSEPH
JAMES A. VICK
THERESA M. COSTONIS
DISCIPLINARY COUNSEL

RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: DOUGLAS PAUL JONES, BPR #7224
CONTACT: WILLIAM W. HUNT, III
BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY
615-361-7500

August 28, 2002

ELIZABETHTON LAWYER TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED

On August 23, 2002, the Supreme Court of Tennessee issued an order summarily and temporarily suspending Douglas Paul Jones' license to practice law, upon finding that Mr. Jones presents a substantial threat of irreparable harm to the public in that he has abandoned his law practice. Section 4.3 of Supreme Court Rule 9 provides for the immediate summary suspension of an attorney's license to practice law in cases of evidence that an attorney has abandoned his or her clients thereby posing the risk of a substantial threat to the public. Disciplinary Counsel filed a petition with the Supreme Court after receiving information from three lawyers and his secretary that Mr. Jones had abandoned his law office.

The August 23, 2002, order precludes Mr. Jones from accepting any new cases effective August 23, 2002. Mr. Jones must cease representing existing clients effective September 23, 2002. After September 23, 2002, Mr. Jones shall not use any indicia of lawyer, legal assistant, or law clerk nor maintain a presence where the practice of law is conducted.

The order requires Mr. Jones to notify by registered or certified mail all clients being represented in pending matters, as well as co-counsel and opposing counsel of the Supreme Court's order suspending his law license. Section 18 of Supreme Court Rule 9 requires Mr. Jones to deliver to all clients any papers or property to which they are entitled.

This suspension remains in effect until dissolution or modification by the Supreme Court. Mr. Jones may for good cause request dissolution or modification of the suspension by petition to the Supreme Court.

WWH:mw
Jones1326 rel.doc

