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MEMPHIS ATTORNEY SUSPENDED FROM PRACTICE OF LAW

Thomas Lee Hinson, a Memphis attorney, has been temporarily suspended from the practice of law in this State by Order of the Supreme Court entered March 8, 2002. The Court suspended Hinson based upon a petition filed by the Board of Professional Responsibility alleging that he failed to respond to Disciplinary Counsel or to the Board concerning a complaint of misconduct.

This suspension was issued pursuant to Section 4.3 of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9. Hinson is precluded from accepting any new clients after March 8, 2002, and is also precluded from representing current clients after April 8, 2002. After April 8, 2002, Hinson shall furthermore not use any indicia of lawyer, legal assistant or law clerk, nor maintain a presence where the practice of law is conducted.

Section 18 of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9 requires Hinson to notify by registered or certified mail all clients being represented in pending matters; all co-counsel and opposing counsel of the Supreme Court's order suspending him. Section 18 also requires Hinson to deliver to all clients any papers or property to which they are entitled.

This suspension shall remain in effect until it is dissolved or amended by order of the Supreme Court of Tennessee.