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MEMPHIS LAWYER SUSPENDED FROM PRACTICE OF LAW

John H. Parker, a Memphis lawyer, has been temporarily suspended from the practice of law by Tennessee Supreme Court Order filed on July 29, 2004. The Court suspended Mr. Parker based upon a petition filed by the Board of Professional Responsibility alleging that he has misappropriated and converted client escrow funds from his prior law firm to his own use and poses a substantial threat of irreparable harm to the public.

This suspension was issued pursuant to Section 4.3 of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9. Parker may make application for dissolution or modification of the order as provided in Rule 9. He is precluded from accepting any new clients after July 29, 2004 and is also precluded from representing existing clients after August 28, 2004. The Supreme Court order further provided that Parker is required to deposit all attorney fees, trustee fees and client and estate funds which are tendered to him during the suspension period, in the General Escrow Account of Rossie, Luckett & Ridder, P.C., and he is enjoined from having any withdrawals or checks issued from this escrow account unless approved in writing by Disciplinary Counsel.

After August 28, 2004, Parker 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 Parker 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 Parker 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.

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