IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE AT NASHVILLE

IN RE: SHERMAN AMES, III, BPR #7163
An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee
(Bradley County)

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No. <u>M2011-00180-SC-BPR</u>-BP BOPR No. 2011-2004-3-KH(21)

ORDER TRANSFERRING RESPONDENT TO DISABILITY INACTIVE STATUS

This matter is before the Court upon the Petition to Transfer the Respondent, Sherman Ames, III to disability inactive status under Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 21.3.

In accordance with Sections 21.2 and 21.3 of Tenn. S. Ct. Rule 9, upon due consideration of documentation and statements made by Respondent to a Hearing Panel in his pending disciplinary matter, the Court concludes that the Respondent is currently incapacitated from continuing the practice of law.

It is, therefore, **ORDERED**, **ADJUDGED** and **DECREED** by the Court that:

- 1. The law license of Sherman Ames, III shall be transferred to disability inactive status for an indefinite period of time and until further orders of this Court.
- 2. The Respondent shall be allowed to petition for reinstatement to active status pursuant to Section 21.6 of Rule 9; however, any pending disciplinary complaints must be resolved before the effective date of any reinstatement.
- 3. Pursuant to Section 25.2 of Rule 9, this Order shall become a public record upon filing; however, all other documents relating to this disability proceeding shall not become public records and shall be kept confidential.
- 4. The Board shall cause notice of this transfer to disability inactive status to be published as required by Section 21.4 of Rule 9.

FOR THE COURT:

CORNELIA A. CLARK CHIEF JUSTICE