

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE

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IN RE: EMILIA GREEN BALLENTINE, BPR #19957
AN ATTORNEY LICENSED TO PRACTICE LAW IN TENNESSEE
(SHELBY COUNTY)

BOPR No. 2003-1383-9-W(4,3)
No. M2003-01584-SC-RPR-BP

ORDER OF TEMPORARY SUSPENSION

This matter is before the Court upon the Petition of the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Supreme Court of Tennessee, by and through Disciplinary Counsel, for the temporary suspension of Emilia Green Ballentine from the practice of law pursuant to Section 4.3 of Supreme Court Rule 9. The Petition has been authorized by the Chairman of the Board of Professional Responsibility and is supported by the Affidavit of Jesse D. Joseph, Disciplinary Counsel.

Based upon the Petition, and the supporting Affidavit, the Court finds that Emilia Green Ballentine, Respondent, has failed to respond to Disciplinary Counsel or to the Board of Professional Responsibility concerning a complaint of misconduct. The Court also finds that the law license of Emilia Green Ballentine is currently under an administrative suspension imposed on January 29, 2002 due to her failure to comply with the rule on mandatory Continuing Legal Education, Tenn. R. Sup. Ct. 21.

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

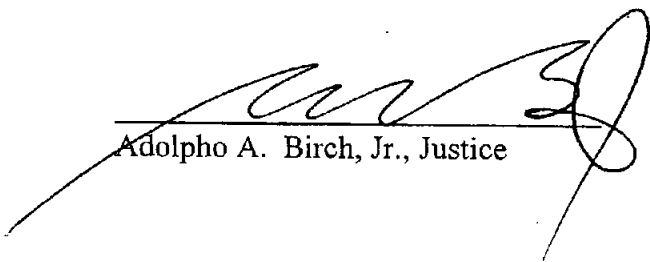
1. That Emilia Green Ballentine is hereby temporarily suspended from the practice of law as provided in Tenn. R. Sup. Ct. 9, § 4.3.
2. That Emilia Green Ballentine is hereby precluded from practicing law in any form in Tennessee and shall not be eligible for dissolution of this Order of Temporary Suspension until she has demonstrated compliance with all provisions of Tenn. R. Sup. Ct. 21, § 7 (including the payment of all required fees), and until she complies with the requirements of Tenn. R. Sup. Ct. 9, § 4.3.
3. That Emilia Green Ballentine shall comply with Tenn. R. Sup. Ct. 9, in all respects, and particularly as provided in Section 18.

4. That Emilia Green Ballentine, respondent, may make application for dissolution or modification of this Order as provided in Tenn. R. Sup. Ct. 9, § 4.3.

5. The Board of Professional Responsibility shall cause notice of this suspension to be published as required by Tenn. R. Sup. Ct. 9.

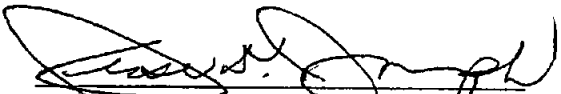
This 2nd day of July, 2003.

FOR THE COURT:



Adolpho A. Birch, Jr., Justice

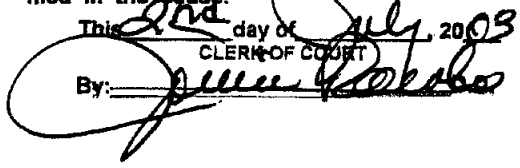
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I, Cecil Crowson, Jr., Clerk, hereby certify that this is a true and exact copy of the original filed in the cause.

This 2nd day of July, 2003
CLERK OF COURT
By: 



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July 8, 2003

MEMPHIS LAWYER SUSPENDED FRM PRACTICE OF LAW

Emilia Green Ballentine, a Memphis attorney, has been temporarily suspended from the practice of law in this state by an Order of the Supreme Court of Tennessee entered on July 2, 2003. The Court suspended Ms. Ballentine based upon a petition filed by the Board of Professional Responsibility alleging that she 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, which requires, in part, attorneys to respond to complaints filed by the Board. Ms. Ballentine's law license is currently under an administrative suspension imposed by the Supreme Court on January 29, 2002 due to her failure to obtain mandatory continuing legal education in accordance with Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 21. She is prohibited within the July 2, 2003 suspension order from practicing law in any form in Tennessee until she has demonstrated compliance under the rule regarding mandatory continuing legal education (including payment of all required fees), and until she has complied with all requirements of Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 4.3.

Ballentine is precluded from representing any clients after July 2, 2003, and she shall cease to use any indicia of lawyer, legal assistant or law clerk and shall not be present in or staff an office where the practice of law is conducted.

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

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

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