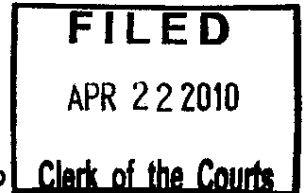


IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE

IN RE: CHARLES MATTHEW BATES, BPR #20609

An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in
Tennessee (Lawrence County)



BOPR No. 2010-1921-6-RS(4.3)

No. M2010-00865-SC-BPR-BP

ORDER OF TEMPORARY SUSPENSION

This matter is before the Court on a Petition of the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Supreme Court of Tennessee, by and through Disciplinary Counsel, for the temporary suspension of Charles Matthew Bates from the practice of law, pursuant to Section 4.3 of Supreme Court Rule 9. The Petition has been authorized by the Chair of the Board of Professional Responsibility and is supported by the affidavit of Kevin D. Balkwill, Disciplinary Counsel.

Based upon the Petition and the supporting Affidavit, the Court finds that Charles Matthew Bates, Respondent, has failed to respond to the Board of Professional Responsibility concerning a complaint of misconduct.

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

1. Charles Matthew Bates is hereby temporarily suspended from the practice of law as provided in Section 4.3 of Supreme Court Rule 9.
2. Charles Matthew Bates shall comply with Supreme Court Rule 9 in all respects, and particularly as provided in Section 18.
3. Charles Matthew Bates may make application for dissolution or modification of this Order as provided in Supreme Court Rule 9.
4. The Board of Professional Responsibility shall cause notice of this suspension of Charles Matthew Bates to be published as required by Supreme Court Rule 9.

FOR THE COURT:

Cornelia A. Clark
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JUSTICE