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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: BENNETT FARRIS BRATCHER, BPR# 13526
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December 19, 2011

DAVIDSON COUNTY LAWYER TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED

On December 13, 2011, the Supreme Court of Tennessee issued an Order summarily and temporarily suspending Bennett Farris Bratcher from the practice of law upon finding that Mr. Bratcher misappropriated funds to his own use. Section 4.3 of Supreme Court Rule 9 provides for the immediate summary suspension of an attorney's license to practice law in cases where an attorney has misappropriated funds to his own use.

Effective December 13, 2011, Mr. Bratcher is precluded from accepting any new cases and he must cease representing existing clients by January 12, 2012. After January 12, 2012, Mr. Bratcher shall not use any indicia of lawyer, legal assistant, or law clerk nor maintain a presence where the practice of law is conducted.

Mr. Bratcher must notify all clients being represented in pending matters, as well as co-counsel and opposing counsel of the Supreme Court's Order suspending his law license. Section 18 of Supreme Court Rule 9 requires Mr. Bratcher to deliver to all clients any papers or property to which they are entitled.

This suspension remains in effect until dissolution or modification by the Supreme Court. Mr. Bratcher may for good cause request dissolution or modification of the suspension by petition to the Supreme Court.

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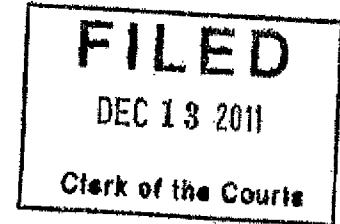
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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE

IN RE: BENNETT FARRIS BRATCHER, BPR #013526
An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee
(Davidson County)

No. M2011-02589-SC-BPR-BP
BOPR File No. 2011-2088-5-KB(4.3)



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 Bennett Farris Bratcher 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 Charles R. Haley.

Based upon the Petition and the supporting Affidavit, the Court finds that Bennett Farris Bratcher, Respondent, has misappropriated funds to his own use.

It is therefore, ordered, adjudged, and decreed by the Court that:

1. Bennett Farris Bratcher is hereby temporarily suspended from the practice of law as provided in Section 4.3 of Supreme Court Rule 9.
2. Bennett Farris Bratcher shall comply with Supreme Court Rule 9 in all respects, and particularly as provided in Section 18.
3. Bennett Farris Bratcher 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 Bennett Farris Bratcher to be published as required by Supreme Court Rule 9.

FOR THE COURT:


WILLIAM C. KOCH, JR., JUSTICE

I, Michael W. Catalano, Clerk, hereby certify that
this is a true and exact copy of the original

Order
filed in the cause.

This 13 day of December, 2011
CLERK OF COURT

By: Lisa Marsh D.C.