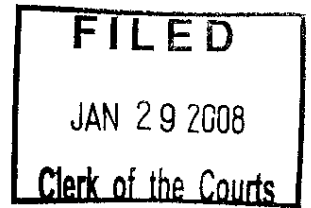


IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE  
AT NASHVILLE

**SPENCE R. BRUNER, BPR #19056**  
An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee  
(Roane County)



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BOPR NO. 2008-1722-1-SG(4.3)

*M 2008-00040-SC-BPR-SP*

**ORDER OF TEMPORARY SUSPENSION**

This matter is before the Court upon a Petition of the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Supreme Court of Tennessee ("Board"), by and through Disciplinary Counsel, for the temporary suspension of Spence R. Bruner ("Respondent") from the practice of law pursuant to Rule 9, § 4.3 of the Rules of the Supreme Court. The Petition has been authorized by the Chair of the Board and is supported by the Affidavit of Laura M. Gatrell, Executive Director of Tennessee Lawyer Assistance Program ("TLAP").

Under the terms of the TLAP Monitoring Agreement entered into by and between Respondent and TLAP on May 10, 2006, Respondent was advised that any noncompliance on his part with the provisions of the agreement could lead to the termination of the agreement, result in notification to the Board, and be grounds for summary suspension.

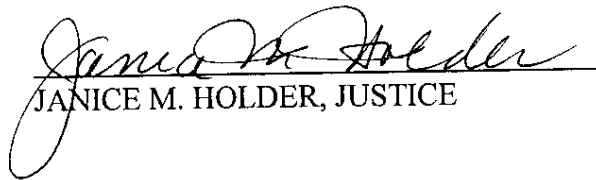
Based upon the Petition and supporting Affidavits, the Court finds that Respondent has substantially failed to comply with his TLAP Monitoring Agreement.

**IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED by the COURT:**

- (1) That Respondent is hereby temporarily suspended from the practice of law as provided in Rule 9, § 4.3 of the Rules of the Supreme Court.
- (2) That Respondent shall comply with Rule 9, § 18 of the Rules of the Supreme Court in all respects.
- (3) That Respondent may make application for dissolution or modification of this Order as provided in Rule 9, § 4.3 of the Rules of the Supreme Court.

(4) The Board of Professional Responsibility shall cause notice of this suspension to be published as required by Rule 9, § 18.10 of the Rules of the Supreme Court.

**FOR THE COURT:**

  
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JANICE M. HOLDER, JUSTICE