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RE: SPENCE R. BRUNER, BPR# 019056
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April 29, 2011

ROANE COUNTY LAWYER REINSTATED BY SUPREME COURT

Spence R. Bruner, a Roane County attorney, has been reinstated to the practice of law by Order of the Tennessee Supreme Court entered on April 25, 2011. Mr. Bruner was temporarily suspended from the practice of law by Order of the Supreme Court on March 25, 2011, due to his substantial noncompliance with his Monitoring Agreement with the Tennessee Lawyers Assistance Program. On March 29, 2011, Mr. Bruner filed a Petition for Dissolution of Temporary Suspension. On April 21, 2011, a Hearing Panel of the Board of Professional Responsibility recommended that the temporary suspension be dissolved. The temporary suspension was dissolved pursuant to the Supreme Court's April 25, 2011 Order.

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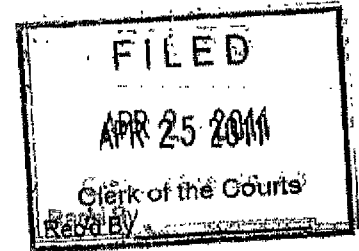
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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE

IN RE: SPENCE R. BRUNER, BPR NO. 019056
An Attorney Licensed To Practice Law In Tennessee
(Roane County)

No. M2011-00624-SC-BPR-BP

BOPR No. 2011-2026-2-SG(4.3)



ORDER

On March 25, 2011, the Court entered an Order of Temporary Suspension suspending Spence R. Bruner pursuant to Section 4.3 of Supreme Court Rule 9 due to Mr. Bruner's substantial non-compliance with his Monitoring Agreement with the Tennessee Lawyers Assistance Program. On March 29, 2011, Mr. Bruner filed a Petition to Dissolve Temporary Suspension and Request for Immediate Hearing. On April 20, 2011, a hearing was conducted before a three-member Hearing Panel of the Board of Professional Responsibility. On April 21, 2011, the Hearing Panel entered its Report and Recommendation, recommending that the temporary suspension imposed by the Order of Temporary Suspension be dissolved. A copy of the Report and Recommendation of the Hearing Panel is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

It is, therefore, **ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED** that:

1. The temporary suspension imposed upon Spence R. Bruner by Order of Temporary Suspension filed March 25, 2011, is hereby dissolved and Spence R. Bruner is reinstated to the practice of law without condition; and

2. Mr. Bruner shall reimburse and pay to the Board of Professional Responsibility the costs and expenses of this proceeding in the amount of \$835.00 and, in addition, shall pay to the Clerk of this Court the costs incurred herein, for all of which execution shall issue, if necessary.

Cornelia A. Clark
CORNELIA A. CLARK
CHIEF JUSTICE

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

filed in the cause.

This 25 day of April, 2011

CLERK OF COURT

By: [Signature]

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE

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IN RE: SPENCE R. BRUNER, BPR #019056

No. M2011-00624-SC-BPR-BP - Filed: June 7, 2011

ORDER

On March 25, 2011, this Court entered an Order temporarily suspending Mr. Spence R. Bruner from the practice of law based on allegations of Mr. Bruner's substantial non-compliance with his Monitoring Agreement with the Tennessee Lawyers' Assistance Program. Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 4.3. On March 29, 2011, Mr. Bruner petitioned to dissolve the temporary suspension and requested an immediate hearing. At the conclusion of the hearing on April 20, 2011, a Hearing Panel of the Board of Professional Responsibility recommended dissolving Mr. Bruner's temporary suspension. By order entered April 25, 2011, this Court dissolved the March 25, 2011 temporary suspension, but directed Mr. Bruner to reimburse the Board of Professional Responsibility costs and expenses in the amount of \$835.00.

On April 28, 2011, Mr. Bruner, through counsel, filed a letter and "revised order," which this Court treats as a motion to amend the April 25 order. Mr. Bruner argues that, having prevailed in obtaining the dissolution of the temporary suspension, "he should not be assessed with any costs of this matter either by the Board or this Court."

Upon due consideration, the Court concludes that Mr. Bruner's motion to amend should be granted in part. Specifically, the April 25, 2011 order is hereby amended by deleting the requirement that Mr. Bruner pay \$835.00 to the Board of Professional Responsibility for costs and expenses. However, all other provisions of the April 25 order remain valid and binding on the parties, including the requirement that Mr. Bruner shall pay to the Clerk of this Court the costs incurred herein, for which execution shall issue if necessary.

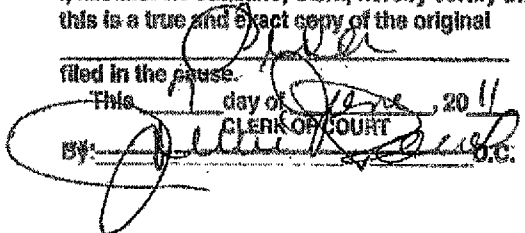
IT IS SO ORDERED.

PER CURIAM

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

filed in the cause.

This day of June, 2011
CLERK OF COURT

by:  M.W.C.