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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: PATRICIA DONICE BUTLER, BPR #22706
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March 20, 2015

ROANE COUNTY LAWYER TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED

On March 13, 2015, the Supreme Court of Tennessee temporarily suspended Patricia Donice Butler from the practice of law upon finding that Ms. Butler failed to respond to the Board regarding a complaint of misconduct. Section 12.3 of Supreme Court Rule 9 provides for the immediate summary suspension of an attorney's license to practice law in cases of an attorney's failure to respond to the Board regarding a complaint of misconduct.

Ms. Butler is immediately precluded from accepting any new cases, and she must cease representing existing clients by April 12, 2015. After April 12, 2015, Ms. Butler shall not use any indicia of lawyer, legal assistant, or law clerk nor maintain a presence where the practice of law is conducted.

Ms. Butler must notify all clients being represented in pending matters, as well as co-counsel and opposing counsel of the Supreme Court's Order suspending her law license. Ms. Butler is required to deliver to all clients any papers or property to which they are entitled.

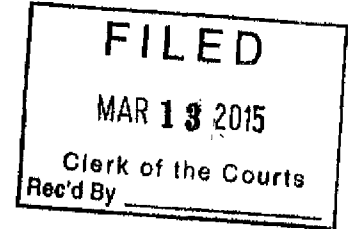
This suspension remains in effect until dissolution or modification by the Supreme Court. Ms. Butler may for good cause request dissolution or modification of the suspension by petition to the Supreme Court.

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE

IN RE: PATRICIA DONICE BUTLER, BPR #22706
An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee
(Roane County)

No. M2015-00452-SC-BAR-BP
BOPR No. 2015-2430-2-KH(12.3)



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 Patricia Donice Butler from the practice of law, pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.3 (2014). 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 Patricia Donice Butler, Respondent, has failed to respond to the Board of Professional Responsibility concerning a complaint of misconduct.

IT IS THEREFORE, CONSIDERED, ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED BY THE COURT THAT:

1. Patricia Donice Butler is hereby temporarily suspended from the practice of law as provided in Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.3 (2014).

2. Patricia Donice Butler shall comply with Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9 in all respects and particularly as provided in Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 28 (2014) regarding the responsibilities of suspended attorneys.

3. Patricia Donice Butler may make application for dissolution or modification of this Order as provided in Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.3 (2014).

4. The Board of Professional Responsibility shall cause notice of this suspension of Patricia Donice Butler to be published as required by Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 28.11.

PER CURIAM