

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE

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IN RE: ROBERT THOMAS CARTER, BPR #013185

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

No. M2010-01527-SC-BPR-BP
BOPR No. 2010-1945-4-SG(4.3)

ORDER

By Order of Temporary Suspension entered July 21, 2010, Robert Thomas Carter was temporarily suspended from the practice of law pursuant to Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 4.3, for failure to respond to a complaint of misconduct filed against him by the Board of Professional Responsibility ("Board"). On July 22, 2010, Mr. Carter filed a Response to the Petition for Temporary Suspension asserting that he is undergoing inpatient treatment and requesting this Court not issue a temporary suspension or in the alternative, that the temporary suspension "should only be for the time period during which Mr. Carter remains in inpatient treatment, plus any additional time that would be requested by the Tennessee Lawyers Assistance Program, based on their assessment of his condition". Section 4.3 requires an immediate hearing before the Board of Professional Responsibility or an appropriately-constituted Panel, with the Panel to submit its report and recommendation to the Court "with the utmost speed consistent with due process".

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the Board take appropriate steps to comply with Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 4.3. This Court will not take action until the report and recommendation of the Panel is received.

FOR THE COURT:

Cornelia A. Clark

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JUSTICE