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KNOXVILLE LAWYER TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED

On December 28, 2012, the Supreme Court of Tennessee issued an Order summarily and temporarily suspending Robert Lawson Cheek, Jr. from the practice of law upon finding that Mr. Cheek has misappropriated funds for his own use, abandoned his law practice and poses a threat of substantial harm to the public. Section 4.3 of Supreme Court Rule 9 provides for the immediate summary suspension of an attorney's license to practice law in cases that an attorney has misappropriated funds and abandonment of law practice thereby posing the risk of a substantial threat to the public.

Effective December 28, 2012, Mr. Cheek is precluded from accepting any new cases and he must cease representing existing clients by January 27, 2013. After January 27, 2013, Mr. Cheek shall not use any indicia of lawyer, legal assistant, or law clerk nor maintain a presence where the practice of law is conducted.

Mr. Cheek 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. Cheek 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. Cheek may for good cause request dissolution or modification of the suspension by petition to the Supreme Court.

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