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NASHVILLE LAWYER TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED

On April 2, 2013, the Supreme Court of Tennessee temporarily suspended the law license of John E. Clemmons upon finding that Mr. Clemmons misappropriated funds to his own use and that his continued practice of law poses a threat of substantial harm to the public. Section 4.3 of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9 provides for the immediate summary suspension of an attorney's license to practice law in cases where it has been demonstrated that the attorney has misappropriated funds and poses a threat of substantial harm to the public.

Effective April 2, 2013, Mr. Clemmons is precluded from accepting any new cases and he must cease representing existing clients by May 2, 2013. After May 2, 2013, Mr. Clemmons shall not use any indicia of lawyer, legal assistant, or law clerk nor maintain a presence where the practice of law is conducted.

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

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