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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: CYNTHIA LEE COSTNER-SEXTON, BPR #9936
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July 23, 2014

BLOUNT COUNTY LAWYER TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED

On July 21, 2014, the Supreme Court of Tennessee temporarily suspended Cynthia Lee Costner-Sexton from the practice of law upon finding that Ms. Costner-Sexton 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.

Effective July 21, 2014, Ms. Costner-Sexton is precluded from accepting any new cases, and she must cease representing existing clients August 20, 2014. After August 20, 2014, Ms. Costner-Sexton shall not use any indicia of lawyer, legal assistant, or law clerk nor maintain a presence where the practice of law is conducted.

Ms. Costner-Sexton 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. Ms. Costner-Sexton 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. Costner-Sexton may for good cause request dissolution or modification of the suspension by petition to the Supreme Court.

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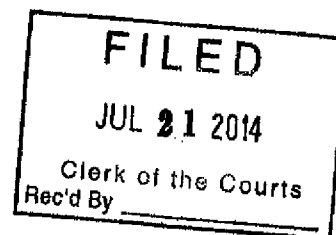
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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE

IN RE: **CYNTHIA LEE COSTNER-SEXTON, BPR #9936**
An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee
(Blount County)

No. M2014-01329-SC-BAR-BP
BOPR No. 2014-2337-2-AW(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 Cynthia Lee Costner-Sexton from the practice of law, pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.3.¹ 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 Cynthia Lee Costner-Sexton, Respondent, has failed to respond to the Board of Professional Responsibility concerning a complaint of misconduct.

It is therefore, ordered, adjudged and decreed by the Court that:

1. Cynthia Lee Costner-Sexton is hereby temporarily suspended from the practice of law as provided in Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.3.
2. Cynthia Lee Costner-Sexton shall comply with Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9 in all respects and particularly as provided in Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 28.
3. Cynthia Lee Costner-Sexton may make application for dissolution or modification of this Order as provided in Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.3.
4. The Board of Professional Responsibility shall cause notice of this suspension of Cynthia Lee Costner-Sexton to be published as required by Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 28.11.

FOR THE COURT:

Cornelia A. Clark
CORNELIA A. CLARK, JUSTICE

¹This case is governed by Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9 (2014).