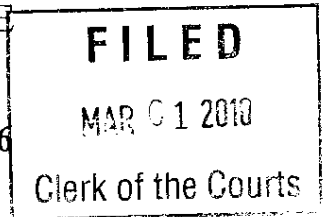


IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE

IN RE: THOMAS E. COWAN, JR., BPR #2026
An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee
(Carter County)



NO. M2010-00457-SP-BPO-BP
BOPR No. 2010-1900-1-KH(14)

ORDER

This matter is before the Court pursuant to Section 14 of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9 upon a certificate filed by Disciplinary Counsel for the Board of Professional Responsibility consisting of a certified copy of a Plea entered in the United States District Court, Eastern District of Tennessee, No. 3:09-CR-37-KSF (attached hereto as Exhibit A), demonstrating that on September 25, 2009, Thomas E. Cowan, Jr., a Tennessee attorney, pled guilty to a charge involving a serious crime, to wit: willful attempt to defeat or evade the payment of taxes, in violation of 26 U.S.C. 7201.

It is, therefore, **ORDERED**, pursuant to Section 14 of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, that Thomas E. Cowan, Jr., is suspended from the practice of law on this date pending further orders of this Court.

It is further **ORDERED** that this matter be referred to the Board of Professional Responsibility for the institution of a formal proceeding in which the sole issue to be determined shall be the extent of the final discipline to be imposed as a result of the conviction.

It is further **ORDERED** that Thomas E. Cowan, Jr., shall fully comply with the provisions of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 18, concerning disbarred or suspended attorneys.

FOR THE COURT:

Cornelia A. Clark
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JUSTICE