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**RE: DONALD ASHWORTH COX, JR., BPR# 27752**  
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September 9, 2013

**DAVIDSON COUNTY LAWYER PLACED ON DISABILITY INACTIVE STATUS**

By Order of the Tennessee Supreme Court entered September 6, 2013, the law license of Donald Ashworth Cox, Jr., was transferred to disability inactive status pursuant to Section 21 of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9.

Mr. Cox cannot practice law while on disability inactive status. He may return to the practice of law after reinstatement by the Tennessee Supreme Court upon showing of clear and convincing evidence that the disability has been removed and he is fit to resume the practice of law.

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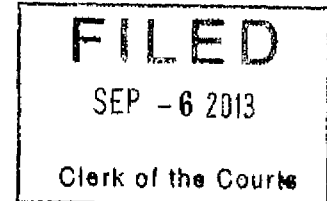
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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE  
AT NASHVILLE

IN RE: DONALD ASHWORTH COX, JR., BPR #027752  
An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee  
(Davidson County)

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No. M2013-01990-SC-BAR-BP  
BOPR No. 2013-2248-5-KH(21)  
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**ORDER TRANSFERRING ATTORNEY TO  
DISABILITY INACTIVE STATUS**

This matter is before the Court upon a petition to transfer Donald Ashworth Cox, Jr., to disability inactive status pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9 § 21.2 filed by the Tennessee Board of Professional Responsibility.

Upon due consideration of the letter submitted by Mr. Cox and the medical documentation submitted by Richard J. O'Brien, M.D., Ph.D., the Court concludes that Donald Ashworth Cox, Jr. is currently incapacitated from continuing the practice of law.

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

1. The law license of Donald Ashworth Cox, Jr. shall be transferred to disability inactive status for an indefinite period of time and until further orders of the Supreme Court.
2. Mr. Cox shall be allowed to petition for reinstatement to active status pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9 § 21.6.
3. The Board shall publish notice of this transfer pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9 §§ 21.4 and 21.5.
4. Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9 § 25.2, documents other than this Order relating to Mr. Cox's disability proceeding shall not be public records and shall be kept confidential.

FOR THE COURT:

Cornelia A. Clark  
CORNELIA A. CLARK, JUSTICE