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MCMINN COUNTY LAWYER TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED

On September 7, 2023, the Supreme Court of Tennessee temporarily suspended Joseph Houston Crabtree, Jr., from the practice of law upon finding that Mr. Crabtree failed to respond to the Board of Professional Responsibility concerning a complaint of misconduct. Section 12.3 of Supreme Court Rule 9 provides for the immediate temporary suspension of an attorney's license to practice law in cases of an attorney's failure to respond to a complaint of misconduct.

Mr. Crabtree previously was suspended on November 22, 2022, for a period of three (3) years, with one (1) year served on active suspension and the remaining two (2) years on probation. That suspension remains in effect.

Pursuant to this new suspension, and consistent with the November 22, 2022, suspension, Mr. Crabtree is immediately precluded from accepting any new cases, and may not represent any existing clients. In addition, Mr. Crabtree shall not use any indicia of lawyer, legal assistant, or law clerk nor maintain a presence wherein the practice of law is conducted. Mr. Crabtree 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, and is required to deliver to all clients any papers or property to which they are entitled.

Mr. Crabtree must comply with the requirements of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Sections 28 and 12.3(d), regarding the obligations and responsibilities of temporarily suspended attorneys and the procedure for reinstatement.

This suspension remains in effect until dissolution or modification by the Supreme Court. Mr. Crabtree may, for good cause, request dissolution or modification of the suspension by petition to the Supreme Court.

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