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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: MICKIE SMITH DAUGHERTY, BPR #022746
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DAVIDSON COUNTY LAWYER TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED

On August 20, 2024, the Supreme Court of Tennessee temporarily suspended Mickie Smith Daugherty from the practice of law upon finding that Ms. Daugherty failed to respond to the Board of Professional Responsibility concerning one (1) complaint of misconduct, misappropriated funds, and poses a threat of substantial harm to the public. 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 a complaint of misconduct, misappropriation of funds and property, or posing a threat of substantial harm to the public.

Ms. Daugherty is immediately precluded from accepting any new cases, and she must cease representing existing clients by September 19, 2024. After September 19, 2024, Ms. Daugherty shall not use any indicia of lawyer, legal assistant, or law clerk nor maintain a presence wherein the practice of law is conducted. Ms. Daugherty must notify all clients being represented in pending matters, as well as co-counsel and opposing counsel, of the Supreme Court's Order suspending her law license, and is required to deliver to all clients any papers or property to which they are entitled.

Ms. Daugherty 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. Ms. Daugherty may, for good cause, request dissolution or modification of the suspension by petition to the Supreme Court.