

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE

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IN RE: A. SAIS PHILLIPS FINNEY, BPR #028845
An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee
(Shelby County)

No. M2022-00313-SC-BAR-BP
BOPR No. 2022-3233-9-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 A. Sais Phillips Finney from the practice of law pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.3. The Petition has been authorized by the Chair of the Board of Professional Responsibility and is supported by the Affidavit of Eileen Burkhalter Smith, Disciplinary Counsel for the Board of Professional Responsibility.

Based upon the Petition and the supporting affidavit, the Court finds A. Sais Phillips Finney, Respondent, failed to respond to the Board of Professional Responsibility concerning two (2) complaints of misconduct. The Court further finds that Ms. Finney poses a threat of substantial harm to the public.

IT IS, THEREFORE, CONSIDERED, ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED BY THE COURT THAT:

1. A. Sais Phillips Finney is hereby temporarily suspended from the practice of law as provided in Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.3.
2. A. Sais Phillips Finney shall comply with Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9 in all respects and particularly as provided in Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 28, regarding the responsibilities of suspended attorneys.
3. A. Sais Phillips Finney 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 A. Sais Phillips Finney to be published as required by Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 28.11.

PER CURIAM



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March 14, 2022

SHELBY COUNTY LAWYER TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED

On March 14, 2022, the Supreme Court of Tennessee temporarily suspended A. Sais Phillips Finney from the practice of law upon finding that Ms. Finney failed to respond to the Board of Professional Responsibility concerning two (2) complaints of misconduct and poses a risk 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 or posing a risk of substantial harm to the public.

Ms. Finney is immediately precluded from accepting any new cases, and she must cease representing existing clients by April 13, 2022. After April 13, 2022, Ms. Finney shall not use any indicia of lawyer, legal assistant, or law clerk nor maintain a presence wherein the practice of law is conducted. Ms. Finney 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. Finney 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. Finney may for good cause request dissolution or modification of the suspension by petition to the Supreme Court.

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