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RE: JOHN DOUGLAS GODBEE, BPR #6234
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HAWKINS COUNTY LAWYER SUSPENDED

On August 6, 2012, the Tennessee Supreme Court temporarily suspended the law license of John Douglas Godbee, a Rogersville attorney, pursuant to Section 4.3 of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9. The Board of Professional Responsibility petitioned the Court to temporarily suspend Mr. Godbee's law license because he poses a threat of substantial harm to the public. The Court granted the Board's Petition.

Pursuant to Rule 9, Section 4.3, Mr. Godbee cannot accept new clients or undertake any new representation. He may represent existing clients for thirty (30) days, after which he cannot represent them unless the temporary suspension has been dissolved. Mr. Godbee may file an application with the Tennessee Supreme Court requesting a dissolution or modification of the temporary suspension order. If he makes such an application, a hearing to reconsider whether the suspension should be continued, modified or dissolved will be conducted before a panel consisting of members of the Board of Professional Responsibility.

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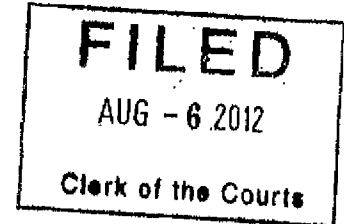
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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE

IN RE JOHN DOUGLAS GODBEE, BPR # 006234
An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee
(Hawkins County)

No. M2012-01588-SC-BPR-BP
BOPR No. 2012-2141-1-SG(4.3)



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 (the Board), by and through Disciplinary Counsel, for the temporary suspension of John Douglas Godbee from the practice of law, pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 4.3, and the response thereto. The Petition has been authorized by the Chair of the Board of Professional Responsibility and is supported by the affidavits of Sandy Garrett, Senior Litigation Counsel for the Board, and Jeanne Broadwell, General Counsel for the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation.

Having fully considered the Petition and the supporting Affidavits, and the response thereto, the Court finds that John Douglas Godbee poses a threat of substantial harm to the public.

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

1. John Douglas Godbee is hereby temporarily suspended from the practice of law as provided in Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 4.3.
2. John Douglas Godbee shall comply with Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9 in all respects, and particularly as provided in Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 18.
3. John Douglas Godbee may make application for dissolution or modification of this Order as provided in Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 4.3.
4. The Board of Professional Responsibility shall cause notice of this suspension of John Douglas Godbee to be published as required by Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 18.10.

FOR THE COURT:



WILLIAM C. KOCH, JR., JUSTICE