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September 14, 2012

HAWKINS COUNTY LAWYER SUSPENDED

On September 14, 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, finding that Mr. Godbee poses a threat of substantial harm to the public. The Board of Professional Responsibility petitioned the Court to temporarily suspend Mr. Godbee's license to practice law because the Supreme Court reinstated Mr. Godbee by Order dated February 28, 2012, subject to Mr. Godbee's full compliance with his Tennessee Lawyers Assistance Program (TLAP) monitoring agreement. On August 8, 2012, TLAP discharged Mr. Godbee from his monitoring agreement. Mr. Godbee's non-compliance with the Supreme Court's Order reinstating him poses a threat of substantial harm to the public. Mr. Godbee was previously temporarily suspended by the Supreme Court on August 6, 2012, and that suspension has not been dissolved.

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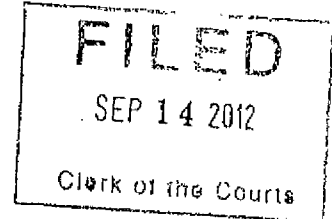
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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE

IN RE JOHN DOUGLAS GODBEE, BPR # 006234

An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee
(Hawkins County)

No. M2012-01923-SC-BPR-BP
BOPR No. 2012-2145-1-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. The Petition has been authorized by the Chair of the Board of Professional Responsibility and is supported by the affidavit of Ted Rice, Deputy Director of Tennessee Lawyers Assistance Program.

Based upon the Petition and the supporting Affidavit, the Court finds that John Douglas Godbee poses a threat of substantial harm to the public.

By Order entered August 6, 2012, in No. M2012-01588-SC-BPR-BP, John Douglas Godbee was temporarily suspended from the practice of law.

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. Mr. Godbee's temporary suspension of August 6, 2012 remains in full force and effect.
2. John Douglas Godbee shall comply with Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 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:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William C. Koch, Jr.", written over a horizontal line.

WILLIAM C. KOCH, JR., JUSTICE