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**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**  
**RE: WILLIAM C. GOSNELL, BPR #4369**  
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**BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY**  
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January 9, 2015

**SHELBY COUNTY LAWYER PLACED ON DISABILITY INACTIVE STATUS**

By Order of the Tennessee Supreme Court entered December 23, 2014, the law license of William C. Gosnell was transferred to disability inactive status for an indefinite period of time pursuant to Section 27.4 of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9. The Court transferred Mr. Gosnell to disability inactive status after Mr. Gosnell gave notice to the Board of Professional Responsibility that he suffers from a disability that prevents him from continuing to practice law and prevents him from defending himself against a disciplinary complaint. Pursuant to Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 27.4(a), the Supreme Court has referred this matter to a hearing panel for the Board to determine Mr. Gosnell's capacity to continue the practice of law and to respond to or defend against the pending disciplinary complaint.

Pursuant to Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 28.1, the Order transferring Mr. Gosnell to disability inactive status is effective upon entry, and Mr. Gosnell is prohibited from engaging in the practice law after December 23, 2014. Mr. Gosnell may return to the practice of law after reinstatement by the Tennessee Supreme Court upon showing of clear and convincing evidence that the disability has been removed and he is fit to resume the practice of law.

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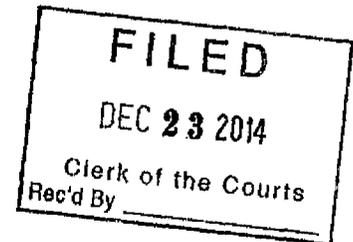
IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE  
AT NASHVILLE

**IN RE: WILLIAM C. GOSNELL, BPR #4369**  
An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee  
(Shelby County)

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No. M2014-02523-SC-BAR-BP  
BOPR No. 2014-2408-9-AW(27)

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**ORDER**

On December 18, 2014, the Tennessee Board of Professional Responsibility submitted to this Court a notice of contention of disability pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 27.4 notifying the Court of William C. Gosnell's contention that he is suffering from a disability by reason of mental or physical infirmity or illness that prevents him from continuing to practice law and by implication prevents him from responding to or defending himself in the disciplinary proceeding currently pending against him.

Having carefully considered this matter, the Court Orders that William C. Gosnell is immediately transferred to disability inactive status for an indefinite period and until further order of this Court and refers this matter to a hearing panel for a formal hearing to determine Mr. Gosnell's capacity to continue to practice law and to respond to or defend against the complaint, pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, §27.4(a). In such proceeding, the burden of proof shall rest upon Mr. Gosnell and shall be by a preponderance of the evidence.

PER CURIAM