

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE

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Appellate Courts

IN RE: JAMES NATHAN HARGIS, BPR #035171
An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee
(Putnam County)

No. M2026-00517-SC-BAR-BP

ORDER OF TEMPORARY SUSPENSION

This matter is before the Court upon a Petition of the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Supreme Court of Tennessee, by and through Disciplinary Counsel, for the temporary suspension of James Nathan Hargis 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 Elizabeth M. Williams, Special Agent at the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation, and the report of District Attorney General Bryant C. Dunaway.

Based upon the Petition and the supporting documentation, the Court finds that James Nathan Hargis, Respondent, misappropriated client and third-party funds and poses a threat of substantial harm to the public as detailed by the Affidavit of Elizabeth M. Williams and the report of District Attorney General Bryant C. Dunaway.

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

1. James Nathan Hargis is hereby temporarily suspended from the practice of law as provided in Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.3.
2. James Nathan Hargis 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. James Nathan Hargis 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 James Nathan Hargis to be published as required by Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 28.11.

PER CURIAM