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MEMPHIS LAWYER TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED

On May 27, 2010, the Supreme Court of Tennessee issued an order summarily and temporarily suspending King Bethel Harris from the practice of law upon finding that Mr. Harris has failed to respond to the Board regarding a complaint of misconduct. Section 4.3 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 the Board regarding a complaint of misconduct.

Pursuant to an order entered on January 3, 2008, Mr. Harris is also serving a one (1) year suspension based upon a prior disciplinary matter. Pursuant to Section 19.1 of Supreme Court Rule 9, an attorney suspended for one (1) year or more may not resume the practice of law until reinstated by the Tennessee Supreme Court. To date, Mr. Harris has not requested, nor has he been granted, reinstatement from the prior disciplinary matter.

Mr. Harris may petition for dissolution of the temporary suspension as provided in Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 4.3; however, the dissolution of the temporary suspension will not affect the continuing validity of the January 3, 2008 suspension in the prior disciplinary matter.

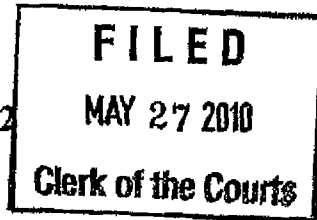
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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE

IN RE: KING BETHEL HARRIS, III, BPR #23282
An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee
(Shelby County)



No. M2010-01143-SC-BPR-BP
BOPR No. 2010-1935-9-KH(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, by and through Disciplinary Counsel, for the temporary suspension of King Bethel Harris, III, from the practice of law, pursuant to Section 4.3 of Supreme Court Rule 9. The Petition has been authorized by the Chair of the Board of Professional Responsibility and is supported by the affidavit of Krisann Hodges, Disciplinary Counsel.

Based upon the Petition and the supporting Affidavit, the Court finds that King Bethel Harris, III, Respondent, has failed to respond to the Board of Professional Responsibility concerning a complaint of misconduct.

By order entered January 3, 2008, in Case No. M2007-00315-SC-BPO-BP, Respondent was suspended from the practice of law in this state for one year based on his conditional guilty plea to the violations charged. Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 19.1 provides that no attorney suspended for one year or more may resume practice until reinstated by order of this Court. To date Respondent has not requested, nor has he been granted, reinstatement. The order of January 3, 2008, therefore remains in effect.

It is therefore, **ORDERED, ADJUDGED** and **DECREED** by the Court that:

1. King Bethel Harris, III, is hereby temporarily suspended from the practice of law as provided in Section 4.3 of Supreme Court Rule 9. This temporary suspension under the provisions of Section 4.3 is in addition to, and does not substitute for nor supersede the suspension entered January 3, 2008.

2. King Bethel Harris, III, shall comply with Supreme Court Rule 9 in all respects, and particularly as provided in Section 18.

3. King Bethel Harris, III, may make application for dissolution or modification of this Order as provided in Supreme Court Rule 9. The dissolution or modification of this Order however, does not affect the continuing validity of the January 3, 2008 Order of Enforcement in Case NO. M2007-00315-SC-BPO-BP unless or until Respondent takes adequate steps to comply with the conditions of that Order and with all steps required under Section 19.1 for reinstatement.

4. The Board of Professional Responsibility shall cause notice of this suspension of King Bethel Harris, III, to be published as required by Supreme Court Rule 9.

FOR THE COURT:

Cornelia A. Clark
CORNELIA A. CLARK
JUSTICE

, Michael W. Catalano, Clerk, hereby certify that
this is a true and exact copy of the original
filed in the cause.
This 27 day of Dec, 2010
CLERK OF COURT
By: [Signature] D.C.