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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: SAMUEL JOSEPH HARRIS, BPR #17392
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May 6, 2014

PUTNAM COUNTY LAWYER TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED

On May 2, 2014, the Supreme Court of Tennessee temporarily suspended Samuel Joseph 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.

Effective May 2, 2014, Mr. Harris is precluded from accepting any new cases, and he must cease representing existing clients by June 1, 2014. After June 1, 2014, Mr. Harris shall not use any indicia of lawyer, legal assistant, or law clerk nor maintain a presence where the practice of law is conducted.

Mr. Harris must notify all clients being represented in pending matters, as well as co-counsel and opposing counsel of the Supreme Court's Order suspending his law license. Mr. Harris is required to deliver to all clients any papers or property to which they are entitled.

This suspension remains in effect until dissolution or modification by the Supreme Court. Mr. Harris may for good cause request dissolution or modification of the suspension by petition to the Supreme Court.

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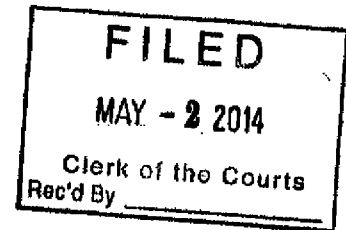
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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE

IN RE: SAMUEL JOSEPH HARRIS, BPR #17392
An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee
(Putnam County)

No. M2014-00842-SC-BAR-BP
BOPR No. 2014-2313-4-AW(12.3)



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 Samuel Joseph Harris from the practice of law, pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 4.3 (2006) and Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.3 (2014)¹. The Petition has been authorized by the Chair of the Board of Professional Responsibility and is supported by the affidavit of Kevin D. Balkwill, Disciplinary Counsel.

Based upon the Petition and the supporting Affidavit, the Court finds Samuel Joseph Harris, Respondent, has failed to respond to the Board of Professional Responsibility concerning complaints of misconduct.

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

1. Samuel Joseph Harris is hereby temporarily suspended from the practice of law as provided in Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 4.3 (2006) and Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.3 (2014).
2. Samuel Joseph Harris shall comply with Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9 in all respects and particularly as provided in Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 18 (2006) and Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 28 (2014).
3. Samuel Joseph Harris may make application for dissolution or modification of this Order as provided in Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 4.3 (2006) and Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.3 (2014).

¹Complaints initiated after January 1, 2014, are governed by Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9 (2014). Complaints initiated prior to January 1, 2014, are governed by Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9 (2006).

4. The Board of Professional Responsibility shall cause notice of this suspension of Samuel Joseph Harris to be published as required by Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 18.10 (2006) and Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 28.11 (2014).

FOR THE COURT:

Cornelia A. Clark
CORNELIA A. CLARK, JUSTICE