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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: DAVID GREGORY HAYS, BPR #22496
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December 11, 2013

SHELBY COUNTY LAWYER TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED

On December 9, 2013, the Supreme Court of Tennessee temporarily suspended David Gregory Hays from the practice of law upon finding that Mr. Hays has failed to respond to the Board of Professional Responsibility 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 December 9, 2013, Mr. Hays is precluded from accepting any new cases and he must cease representing existing clients by January 8, 2014. After January 8, 2014, Mr. Hays shall not use any indicia of lawyer, legal assistant, or law clerk nor maintain a presence where the practice of law is conducted.

Mr. Hays 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. Section 18 of Supreme Court Rule 9 requires Mr. Hays 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. Hays may for good cause request dissolution or modification of the suspension by petition to the Supreme Court.

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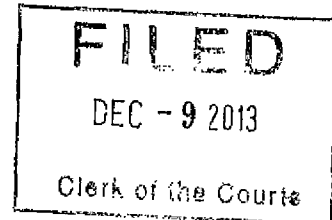
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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE

IN RE: DAVID GREGORY HAYS, BPR #22496
An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee
(Shelby County)

No. M2013-02647-SC-BAR-BP
BOPR No. 2013-2266-9-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 David Gregory Hays 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 Eileen Burkhalter Smith, Disciplinary Counsel.

Based upon the Petition and the supporting Affidavit, the Court finds that David Gregory Hays, Respondent, has failed to respond to the Board of Professional Responsibility concerning a complaint of misconduct.

It is therefore, ordered, adjudged and decreed by the Court that:

1. David Gregory Hays is hereby temporarily suspended from the practice of law as provided in Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 4.3.
2. David Gregory Hays shall comply with Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9 in all respects and particularly as provided in Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 18.
3. David Gregory Hays 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 David Gregory Hays to be published as required by Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 18.10.

FOR THE COURT:

Cornelia A. Clark
CORNELIA A. CLARK, JUSTICE