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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: WILLIAM LEON HENDRICKS, JR., BPR #11527
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May 1, 2013

SHELBY COUNTY LAWYER TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED

On April 30, 2013, the Supreme Court of Tennessee issued an Order summarily and temporarily suspending William Leon Hendricks, Jr., from the practice of law upon finding that Mr. Hendricks poses a threat of substantial harm to the public. Section 4.3 of Supreme Court Rule 9 provides for the immediate summary suspension of an attorney's license to practice law in cases where an attorney poses a threat of substantial harm to the public.

Effective April 30, 2013, Mr. Hendricks is precluded from accepting any new cases and he must cease representing existing clients by May 30, 2013. After May 30, 2013, Mr. Hendricks shall not use any indicia of lawyer, legal assistant, or law clerk nor maintain a presence where the practice of law is conducted.

Mr. Hendricks 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. Hendricks 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. Hendricks may for good cause request dissolution or modification of the suspension by petition to the Supreme Court.

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IN RE: WILLIAM LEON HENDRICKS, JR., BPR #11527
An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee
(Shelby County)

No. M2013-00974-SC-BPR-BP
BOPR No. 2013-2203-9-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 William Leon Hendricks, Jr., 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 an affidavit and other supporting documents.

Based upon the Petition, affidavit, and supporting documents, the Court finds that William Leon Hendricks, Jr., poses a threat of substantial harm to the public.

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

1. William Leon Hendricks, Jr., is hereby temporarily suspended from the practice of law as provided in Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 4.3.
2. William Leon Hendricks, Jr., shall comply with Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9 in all respects, and particularly as provided in Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 18.
3. William Leon Hendricks, Jr., 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 William Leon Hendricks, Jr., to be published as required by Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 18.10.

FOR THE COURT:

Cornelia A. Clark
CORNELIA A. CLARK, JUSTICE