

## BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY OF THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE

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RE: STEVEN MICHAEL HODGEN, BPR #025456
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## HAMILTON COUNTY LAWYER TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED

On May 31, 2024, the Supreme Court of Tennessee temporarily suspended Steven Michael Hodgen from the practice of law upon finding Mr. Hodgen failed to respond to the Board of Professional Responsibility concerning one (1) complaint of misconduct. Section 12.3 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 a complaint of misconduct.

Mr. Hodgen is immediately precluded from accepting any new cases, and he must cease representing existing clients by June 30, 2024. After June 30, 2024, Mr. Hodgen shall not use any indicia of lawyer, legal assistant, or law clerk nor maintain a presence wherein the practice of law is conducted. Mr. Hodgen 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, and he is required to deliver to all clients any papers or property to which they are entitled.

Mr. Hodgen must comply with the requirements of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Sections 28 and 12.3(d), regarding the obligations and responsibilities of temporarily suspended attorneys and the procedure for reinstatement.

This suspension remains in effect until dissolution or modification by the Supreme Court. Mr. Hodgen may, for good cause, request dissolution or modification of the suspension by petition to the Supreme Court. Hodgen 3409-3 rel.doc