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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE AT NASHVILLE

IN RE: STEVEN MICHAEL HODGEN, BPR #025456

An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee (Hamilton County)

No. M2024-00787-SC-BAR-BP BOPR No. 2024-3409-3-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 Steven Michael Hodgen from the practice of law pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.3. 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 Steven Michael Hodgen, Respondent, failed to respond to the Board of Professional Responsibility concerning a complaint of misconduct.

- IT IS, THEREFORE, CONSIDERED, ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED BY THE COURT THAT:
- 1. Steven Michael Hodgen is hereby temporarily suspended from the practice of law as provided in Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.3.
- 2. Steven Michael Hodgen shall comply with Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9 in all respects and particularly as provided in Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 28, regarding the responsibilities of suspended attorneys.
- 3. Steven Michael Hodgen may make an application for dissolution or modification of this Order as provided in Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.3.
- 4. The Board of Professional Responsibility shall cause notice of this suspension of Steven Michael Hodgen to be published as required by Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 28.11.