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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: WILLIAM DOUGLAS HOOPER, BPR #29825
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December 22, 2014

SUMNER COUNTY LAWYER TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED

On December 17, 2014, the Supreme Court of Tennessee temporarily suspended William Douglas Hooper from the practice of law upon finding that Mr. Hooper has failed to respond to the Board regarding a 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 the Board regarding a complaint of misconduct.

Effective December 17, 2014, Mr. Hooper is precluded from accepting any new cases, and he must cease representing existing clients by January 16, 2015. After January 16, 2015, Mr. Hooper shall not use any indicia of lawyer, legal assistant, or law clerk nor maintain a presence where the practice of law is conducted.

Mr. Hooper 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. Hooper is required to deliver to all clients any papers or property to which they are entitled.

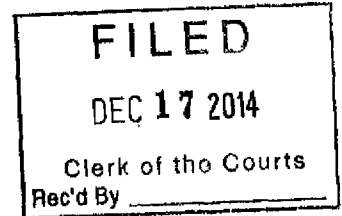
This suspension remains in effect until dissolution or modification by the Supreme Court. Mr. Hooper may for good cause request dissolution or modification of the suspension by petition to the Supreme Court.

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE

IN RE: WILLIAM DOUGLAS HOOPER, BPR #29825
An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee
(Sumner County)

No. M2014-02399-SC-BAR-BP
BOPR No. 2014-2403-6-WM(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 William Douglas Hooper from the practice of law, pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.3 (2014). The Petition has been authorized by the Chair of the Board of Professional Responsibility and is supported by the Affidavit of Preston Shipp, Disciplinary Counsel.

Based upon the Petition and the supporting Affidavit, the Court finds that William Douglas Hooper, Respondent, has 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. William Douglas Hooper is hereby temporarily suspended from the practice of law as provided in Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.3 (2014).
2. William Douglas Hooper shall comply with Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9 in all respects and particularly as provided in Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 30 (2014).
3. William Douglas Hooper may make application for dissolution or modification of this Order as provided in Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.3 (2014).
4. The Board of Professional Responsibility shall cause notice of this suspension of William Douglas Hooper to be published as required by Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 28.11.

PER CURIAM