

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE

IN RE: JAMES M. HOOTS, BPR NO. 014118
An Attorney Licensed To Practice Law In Tennessee
(Shelby County)

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No. MA2010-00354-SC-BPR-BP
BOPR No. 2010-18979-SC(4,3)

ORDER OF TEMPORARY SUSPENSION

This matter is before the Court upon a Petition of the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Supreme Court of Tennessee, by and through Disciplinary Counsel, for the temporary suspension of James M. Hoots, from the practice of law, pursuant to Section 4.3 of Supreme Court Rule 9. The Petition has been authorized by the Chair of the Board of Professional Responsibility and is supported by the Affidavit of Lana Faye Scott. Also before the Court is the Response of James M. Hoots, Respondent, in which he consents to the temporary suspension.

Based upon the Petition and the supporting Affidavit and the Response to the Petition, the Court finds that Respondent has misappropriated funds to his own use and poses a threat of substantial harm to the public.

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

1. That James M. Hoots is hereby temporarily suspended from the practice of law as provided in Section 4.3 of Supreme Court Rule 9.
2. That James M. Hoots comply with Supreme Court Rule 9 in all respects, and particularly as provided in Section 18.
3. That James M. Hoots may make application for dissolution or modification of this Order as provided in Supreme Court Rule 9.
4. That the Board of Professional Responsibility shall cause notice of this suspension of James M. Hoots to be published as required by Supreme Court Rule 9.

FOR THE COURT:

Cornelia A. Clark
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JUSTICE