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**RE: ELBERT JEFFERSON, JR., BPR #14907**  
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**BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY**  
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August 29, 2014

**SHELBY COUNTY LAWYER REINSTATED**

On August 28, 2014, the Supreme Court of Tennessee reinstated the law license of Elbert Jefferson, Jr. Mr. Jefferson had been temporarily suspended by the Supreme Court of Tennessee on July 14, 2014, for failing to respond to the Board of Professional Responsibility regarding a complaint of misconduct. Section 4.3 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. Mr. Jefferson filed a Petition to Dissolve Temporary Suspension on July 28, 2014, asking the Court to reinstate him. A Hearing Panel appointed to hear the Petition recommended to the Supreme Court that the temporary suspension be dissolved. Mr. Jefferson was ordered to pay costs and expenses of the proceeding.

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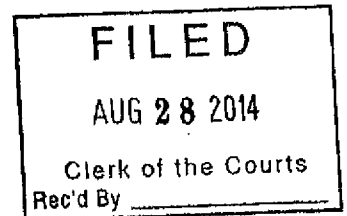
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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE  
AT NASHVILLE

**IN RE: ELBERT JEFFERSON, JR., BPR #14907**  
An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee  
(Shelby County)

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No. M2014-01308-SC-BAR-BP  
BOPR No. 2014-2334-9-AJ(4.3)  
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**ORDER DISSOLVING TEMPORARY SUSPENSION**

On July 14, 2014, the Court entered an Order of Temporary Suspension pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 4.3<sup>1</sup>, suspending the law license of Elbert Jefferson, Jr., due to Mr. Jefferson's failure to respond to the Board of Professional Responsibility concerning a complaint of misconduct. On July 28, 2014, Mr. Jefferson filed a Petition to Dissolve Temporary Suspension. On August 18, 2014, a hearing was conducted before a three-member Hearing Panel of the Board of Professional Responsibility.

On August 20, 2014, the Hearing Panel entered its Report and Recommendation that Mr. Jefferson's temporary suspension be dissolved. A copy of the Report and Recommendation of the Hearing Panel is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED THAT:

1. The temporary suspension imposed on Elbert Jefferson, Jr., by Order of Temporary Suspension filed July 14, 2014, shall be dissolved.
2. Mr. Jefferson shall reimburse and pay to the Board of Professional Responsibility the costs and expenses of this proceeding in the amount of \$381.80, within ninety (90) days, and shall pay to the Clerk of this Court the costs incurred herein, for all of which execution shall issue, if necessary.

FOR THE COURT:

*Cornelia A. Clark*  
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CORNELIA A. CLARK, JUSTICE

<sup>1</sup>Because this case was initiated prior to January 1, 2014, it is governed by the pre-2014 version of Tenn. Sup. Ct R. 9.

IN DISCIPLINARY DISTRICT IX  
OF THE  
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IN RE: ELBERT JEFFERSON, JR.,  
BPR #14907, Petitioner,  
An Attorney Licensed and  
Admitted to the Practice of  
Law in Tennessee  
(Shelby County)

DOCKET NO. 2014-2334-9-AJ (4.3)

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REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION

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This matter came on for a telephonic hearing before a duly appointed Hearing Panel on August 18, 2014, upon a Petition for Dissolution of Temporary Suspension filed by the Elbert Jefferson, Jr. pursuant to Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, § 4.3.<sup>1</sup> Present were Joe G. Riley, Panel Chair; Margaret Craddock, Panel Member; Odell Horton, Jr., Panel Member; Elbert Jefferson, Jr., Petitioner; and, Alan D. Johnson, Disciplinary Counsel. Upon statements of Petitioner and Disciplinary Counsel, evidence presented, and upon the entire record in this cause, the Panel makes the following findings and recommendation.

1. After initially responding to a complaint, Mr. Jefferson failed to respond to multiple requests for subsequent information and documentation.
2. On July 14, 2014, the Court entered an Order of Temporary Suspension suspending Mr. Jefferson pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 4.3, due to his failure to respond to requests for additional information.

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<sup>1</sup> Because this case was initiated prior to January 1, 2014, it is governed by the pre-2014 version of Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9.

3. On July 28, 2014, Mr. Jefferson filed a Petition to Dissolve Temporary Suspension which included proof of compliance with Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 18.
4. Mr. Jefferson has now adequately complied with the requests for information and documentation.
5. Good cause exists to dissolve the Order of Temporary Suspension.

Based upon the foregoing, the Panel recommends that the Order of Temporary Suspension be dissolved conditioned upon the Mr. Jefferson updating his contact information with the Board of Professional Responsibility no later than 4:30 p. m. August 20, 2014.

Entered this 20<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2014.

**FOR THE PANEL:**



Joe G. Riley, Panel Chair