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MEMPHIS LAWYER TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED

On August 19, 2011, the Tennessee Supreme Court issued an Order summarily and temporarily suspending David Johnson from the practice of law upon finding that Mr. Johnson poses a threat of substantial harm to the public.

Effective August 19, 2011, Mr. Johnson is precluded from accepting any new cases and he must cease representing existing clients by September 18, 2011. After September 18, 2011, Mr. Johnson shall not use any indicia of lawyer, legal assistant, or law clerk nor maintain a presence where the practice of law is conducted.

Mr. Johnson 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. Section 18 of Supreme Court Rule 9 requires Mr. Johnson to deliver 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. Johnson may for good cause request dissolution or modification of the suspension by petition to the Supreme Court.

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IN RE: DAVID J. JOHNSON, BPR #4595
An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee
(Shelby County)

No. M2011-01694-SC-BPO-RP
BOPR No. 2011-2064-9-SC(4.3)

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 David J. Johnson 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 affidavits of Elizabeth C. Garber, Disciplinary Counsel, Matthew J. McDonald, and Dr. Alan Michael Alabaster.

Based upon the Petition, and the supporting Affidavits, the Court finds that David J. Johnson's continued practice of law poses a threat of substantial harm to the public.

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

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

FOR THE COURT:

I, Michael W. Catalano, Clerk, hereby certify that
this is a true and exact copy of the original

filed in the cause.

This 19 day of Aug, 2011

By: [Signature] C.L.

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CHIEF JUSTICE