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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: STEPHANIE BRANAM JOHNSON, BPR #030782
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June 13, 2022

WHITE COUNTY LAWYER TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED

On June 13, 2022, the Supreme Court of Tennessee temporarily suspended Stephanie Branam Johnson from the practice of law upon finding that Ms. Johnson failed to respond to the Board concerning complaints 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 where the attorney fails to respond to the Board concerning complaints of misconduct.

Ms. Johnson is immediately precluded from accepting any new cases, and she must cease representing existing clients by July 13, 2022. After July 13, 2022, Ms. Johnson shall not use any indicia of lawyer, legal assistant, or law clerk nor maintain a presence where the practice of law is conducted.

Ms. 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 her law license. Ms. Johnson is required to deliver to all clients any papers or property to which they are entitled.

Ms. Johnson must comply with the requirements of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Sections 28 and 12.3(d), regarding the obligations and responsibilities of temporarily suspended attorneys and the procedure for reinstatement.

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

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE



IN RE: STEPHANIE BRANAM JOHNSON, BPR #030782
An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee
(White County)

No. M2022-00767-SC-BAR-BP
BOPR No. 2022-3253-4-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 Stephanie Branam Johnson 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 Diane M. Nisbet, Disciplinary Counsel.

Based upon the Petition and the supporting Affidavit, the Court finds that Stephanie Branam Johnson, Respondent, failed to respond to the Board of Professional Responsibility concerning complaints of misconduct in File Nos. 68433-4-DN and 68619-4-DN.

IT IS, THEREFORE, CONSIDERED, ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED BY THE COURT THAT:

1. Stephanie Branam Johnson is hereby temporarily suspended from the practice of law as provided in Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.3.
2. Stephanie Branam Johnson 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. Stephanie Branam Johnson may make 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 Stephanie Branam Johnson to be published as required by Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 28.11.

PER CURIAM