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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: JOHN THOMAS JONES, BPR #9510
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July 29, 2015

KNOX COUNTY LAWYER TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED

On July 24, 2015, the Supreme Court of Tennessee temporarily suspended John Thomas Jones from the practice of law upon finding that Mr. Jones misappropriated funds and poses a threat of substantial harm to the public. 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 misappropriation of funds.

Mr. Jones is immediately precluded from accepting any new cases, and he must cease representing existing clients by August 23, 2015. After August 23, 2015, Mr. Jones shall not use any indicia of lawyer, legal assistant, or law clerk nor maintain a presence where the practice of law is conducted.

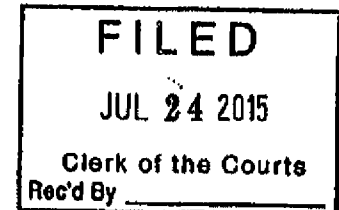
Mr. Jones must notify all clients being represented in pending matters, as well as co-counsel and opposing counsel of the Supreme Court's Order suspending his law license. Mr. Jones is required to deliver to all clients any papers or property to which they are entitled.

This suspension remains in effect until dissolution or modification by the Supreme Court. Mr. Jones 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: JOHN THOMAS JONES, BPR #9510
An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee
(Knox County)

No. M2015-01370-SC-BAR-BP
BOPR No. 2015-2470-2-KH(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 John Thomas Jones 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 Sandy Garrett, Chief Disciplinary Counsel, and Preston Shipp, Disciplinary Counsel.

Based upon the Petition and the supporting Affidavits, the Court finds that John Thomas Jones, Respondent, has misappropriated funds and poses a threat of substantial harm to the public.

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

1. John Thomas Jones is hereby temporarily suspended from the practice of law as provided in Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.3.
2. John Thomas Jones 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. John Thomas Jones 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 John Thomas Jones to be published as required by Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 28.11.

PER CURIAM