

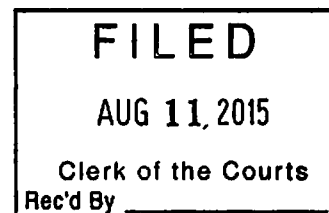
IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE  
AT NASHVILLE

**IN RE: JOHN THOMAS JONES, BPR #9510**  
An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee  
(Knox County)

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No. **M2015-01370-SC-BAR-BP**  
BOPR No. 2015-2470-2-KH(12.3)

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**ORDER**

John Thomas Jones filed a “Notice Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 27.4(a) and Response to Petition for Temporary Suspension” as well as a “Motion for Leave to File Documents Under Seal and Motion for a Protective Order.” Mr. Jones requests that this Court terminate his temporary suspension and instead place him on disability inactive status indefinitely. Mr. Jones also plans to file medical records and other supporting documentation consistent with his request to be placed on disability inactive status, all of which he requests to have placed under seal.

With respect to his first request, we hold that, pursuant to Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9 section 27.4(a), we shall immediately transfer Mr. Jones to disability inactive status “for an indefinite period and until further order of the Court.” However, Mr. Jones’ temporary suspension shall remain in place pending the determination as to Mr. Jones’ incapacity.

Regarding Mr. Jones’ second request – to file documents under seal – we note that Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 32.4 states, “In disability proceedings referred to in Section 27, the order transferring the respondent attorney to disability inactive status shall become a public record upon filing; however, all other documents relating to the respondent attorney’s disability proceeding . . . shall not be public records and shall be kept confidential.” Therefore, any documents filed pursuant to his disability proceedings will be kept confidential.

Accordingly, we grant Mr. Jones’ request to be placed on disability inactive status but deny his request to terminate his temporary suspension. Mr. Jones shall have thirty (30) days from the filing of this Order to submit medical records and other supporting documentation for his disability proceedings. We also deny Mr. Jones’ motion to place

all documents under seal, given that such documents related to his disability proceedings will be kept confidential.

PER CURIAM