

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE  
AT NASHVILLE

**FILED**

07/15/2025

Clerk of the  
Appellate Courts

**IN RE: MARY KATHRYN KENT, BPR NO. 016774**

An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee  
(Shelby County)

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**No. M2025-01032-SC-BAR-BP**

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**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 (hereinafter “the Board”), by and through Disciplinary Counsel, for the temporary suspension of Mary Kathryn Kent 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 and is supported by the Affidavit of Eileen Burkhalter Smith, Disciplinary Counsel.

Based upon the Petition and supporting Affidavit, the Court finds that Mary Kathryn Kent, Respondent, failed to respond to the Board concerning a complaint of misconduct.

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

1. Mary Kathryn Kent is hereby temporarily suspended from the practice of law as provided in Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.3.
2. Mary Kathryn Kent 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. Mary Kathryn Kent may make application for dissolution or modification of this Order as provided in Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.3.
4. The Board shall cause notice of this suspension of Mary Kathryn Kent to be published as required by Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 28.11.

PER CURIAM