

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE

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Appellate Courts

IN RE: WILLIAM BRANCH LAWSON, BPR #010796
An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee
(Unicoi County)

No. M2019-00921-SC-BAR-BP
BOPR No. 2019-3003-1-AJ-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 William Branch Lawson 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 Eileen Burkhalter-Smith, Disciplinary Counsel.

Based upon the Petition and the supporting Affidavit, the Court finds William Branch Lawson, Respondent, misappropriated funds and poses a threat of substantial harm to the public and has failed to respond to the Board of Professional Responsibility concerning a complaint of misconduct.

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

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

PER CURIAM