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RE: BRIAN PHILLIP MANOOKIAN, BPR #026455
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DAVIDSON COUNTY LAWYER REMAINS ON TEMPORARY SUSPENSION

On November 21, 2018, the Tennessee Supreme Court entered an Order denying the request of Brian Phillip Manookian for dissolution of temporary suspension. Mr. Manookian was temporarily suspended from the practice of law on September 21, 2018, upon a finding that he poses a threat of substantial harm to the public.

On September 28, 2018, Mr. Manookian filed a Verified Petition for Dissolution or Amendment of Order of Temporary Suspension. A hearing was held on October 11 and 19, 2018, before a panel of the Board of Professional Responsibility. On November 7, 2018, the panel entered its Report and Recommendation recommending that the Verified Petition for Dissolution or Amendment of Order of Temporary Suspension be denied. On November 21, 2018, the Supreme Court entered an order adopting the panel's Report and Recommendation.

Following the temporary suspension on September 21, 2018, the Tennessee Supreme Court entered an Order on October 17, 2018, staying the requirement that Mr. Manookian cease representing existing clients pending further orders of the Court. Upon entry of the November 21, 2018 Order, the stay is lifted and Mr. Manookian must cease representation of existing clients within ten (10) days of this Order. Mr. Manookian shall not use any indicia of lawyer, legal assistant, or law clerk nor maintain a presence where the practice of law is conducted. Mr. Manookian must notify all clients being represented in pending matters, as well as cocounsel and opposing counsel of the Supreme Court's Order suspending his law license. Mr. Manookian 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. Manookian may for good cause request dissolution or modification of the suspension by petition to the Supreme Court.

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