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**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**  
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June 28, 2012

**MEMPHIS LAWYER TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED**

On June 26, 2012, the Supreme Court of Tennessee issued an Order summarily and temporarily suspending Gail Ostby Mathes from the practice of law upon finding that Ms. Mathes has failed to respond to the Board regarding a complaint of misconduct. Section 4.3 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 failure to respond to the Board regarding a complaint of misconduct.

Effective June 26, 2012, Ms. Mathes is precluded from accepting any new cases and she must cease representing existing clients by July 26, 2012. After July 26, 2012, Ms. Mathes shall not use any indicia of lawyer, legal assistant, or law clerk nor maintain a presence where the practice of law is conducted.

Ms. Mathes must notify all clients being represented in pending matters, as well as co-counsel and opposing counsel of the Supreme Court's Order suspending her law license. Section 18 of Supreme Court Rule 9 requires Ms. Mathes 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. Ms. Mathes may for good cause request dissolution or modification of the suspension by petition to the Supreme Court.

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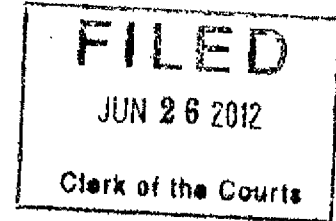
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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE  
AT NASHVILLE

IN RE GAIL OSTBY MATHES, BPR #04649  
An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee

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No. M2012-01307-SC-BPR-BP  
BOPR No. 2012-2131-9-KH(4.3)  
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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, by and through Disciplinary Counsel, for the temporary suspension of Gail Ostby Mathes from the practice of law, pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 4.3. The Petition has been authorized by the Chair of the Board of Professional Responsibility and is supported by the affidavit of Preston Shipp, Disciplinary Counsel.

Based upon the Petition and the supporting Affidavit, the Court finds that Gail Ostby Mathes has failed to respond to the Board of Professional Responsibility concerning a complaint of misconduct.

It is therefore, ordered, adjudged, and decreed by the Court that:

1. Gail Ostby Mathes is hereby temporarily suspended from the practice of law as provided in Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 4.3.
2. Gail Ostby Mathes shall comply with Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9 in all respects, and particularly as provided in Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 18.
3. Gail Ostby Mathes may make application for dissolution or modification of this Order as provided in Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 4.3.
4. The Board of Professional Responsibility shall cause notice of this suspension of Gail Ostby Mathes to be published as required by Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 18.10.

FOR THE COURT:

  
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WILLIAM C. KOCH, JR., JUSTICE