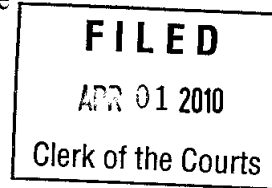


IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE  
AT NASHVILLE

IN RE: WILLIAM T. MAXWELL, Jr., BPR NO. 006916

An Attorney Licensed To Practice Law In Tennessee  
(Shelby County)

No. M2010-00742-SC-BPR-BP  
BOPR No. \_\_\_\_\_



**ORDER TRANSFERRING RESPONDENT TO  
DISABILITY INACTIVE STATUS**

The Tennessee Board of Professional Responsibility ("Board") filed a Petition for Temporary Suspension of Respondent, William T. Maxwell, Jr., pursuant to Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 4.3. Before any action was taken on the first petition, the Board filed a Petition for Transfer to Disability Inactive Status of Mr. Maxwell's license. Each petition was supported by information adequate to secure its grant.

On March 31, 2010, Respondent, through counsel, submitted electronically a document titled Respondent's Response in Opposition to Petition for Temporary Suspension and Consent to Petition for Transfer to Disability Inactive Status. A telephonic hearing involving counsel for both parties was conducted before the undersigned judge on March 31, 2010. After due consideration, the Court finds that Respondent should be placed on disability inactive status for an indefinite period and until the further Order of this Court pursuant to Rule 9, Section 21.3.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED by the Court:

(1) That pursuant to Rule 9, Section 21.3 of the Rules of the Tennessee Supreme Court, William T. Maxwell, Jr.'s license to practice law is hereby transferred to disability inactive status for an indefinite period and until further Order of this Court.

(2) That pursuant to Rule 9, Section 21.3, and unless otherwise agreed to by the parties, the Court refers this matter immediately to a Hearing Panel for a formal hearing to determine the Respondent's current capacity to respond to or defend against the complaint in this case.

(3) That pursuant to Rule 9, Section 25.2 this Order shall become a public record upon filing; however, all other documents relating to the disability proceeding shall not become public records and shall be kept confidential.



(4) The Board of Professional Responsibility shall cause notice of this transfer to disability inactive status to be published as required by Rule 9, Section 21.4 and shall take action as may be required under Rule 9, Section 21.5.

(5) Respondent shall comply with Supreme Court Rule 9 in all respects, and particularly as provided in Section 18.

(6) Respondent may make application for dissolution or modification for reinstatement to the practice of law as otherwise provided in Supreme Court Rule 9. However, as provided by Rule 9, Section 21.6, pending disciplinary complaints, whether filed before or after Respondent's transfer to disability inactive status, must be resolved before the effective date of any reinstatement of his license. Therefore, even if Respondent's disability is removed as provided for in Rule 9, his right to resume the practice of law is not subject to automatic reinstatement until the pending complaints are resolved.

(7) Action on the Petition for Temporary Suspension is held in abeyance.

(8) Costs are assessed against Respondent, for which execution may issue if necessary.

FOR THE COURT:

*Cornelia A. Clark*  
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CORNELIA A. CLARK  
JUSTICE

