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GEORGIA LAWYER REINSTATED

On December 23, 2013, the Supreme Court of Tennessee reinstated the law license of James A. Meaney, III, of Ringgold, Georgia. Mr. Meaney was suspended by Order of the Court on March 6, 2012, upon finding that he had 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. Mr. Meaney filed a Motion to Dissolve Order of Temporary Suspension on October 16, 2013, asking the Court to enter an Order of Dissolution. A Hearing Panel appointed to hear the Petition for Dissolution recommended to the Supreme Court that the Temporary Suspension be set aside. Mr. Meaney was ordered to pay costs and expenses of the proceeding.

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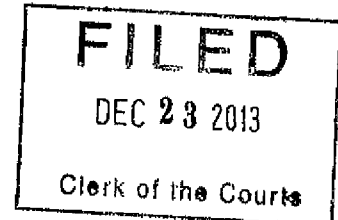
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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE

IN RE: JAMES A. MEANEY, III, BPR #013683
An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee
(Ringgold, GA)

No. M2013-02291-SC-BAR-BP
BOPR No. 2012-2107-0-KH(4.3)



ORDER

On March 6, 2012, the Court entered an Order of Temporary Suspension pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 4.3, suspending the law license of James A. Meaney, III, due to Mr. Meaney's failure to respond to the Board of Professional Responsibility concerning a complaint of misconduct. On October 16, 2013, Mr. Meaney filed a Motion to Dissolve Order of Temporary Suspension. On November 27, 2013, Mr. Meaney filed Amended Motion to Dissolve Order of Temporary Suspension. On December 11, 2013, a hearing was conducted before a Hearing Panel of the Board of Professional Responsibility.

On December 12, 2013, the Hearing Panel entered its Report and Recommendation, recommending that the temporary suspension imposed by the Order of Temporary Suspension be dissolved. A copy of the Report and Recommendation of the 4.3 Hearing Panel is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

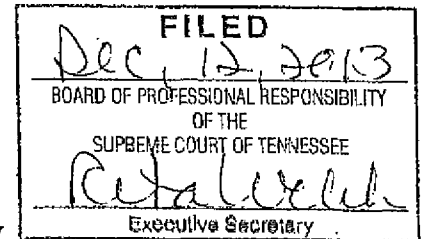
It is, therefore, **ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED** that:

1. The temporary suspension imposed upon James A. Meaney, III, by Order of Temporary Suspension filed March 6, 2012, is hereby dissolved.
2. Mr. Meaney shall reimburse and pay to the Board of Professional Responsibility the costs and expenses of this proceeding in the amount of \$146.67 and shall pay to the Clerk of this Court the costs incurred herein, for all of which execution shall issue, if necessary.

FOR THE COURT:

Cornelia A. Clark
CORNELIA A. CLARK, JUSTICE

IN DISCIPLINARY DISTRICT II
OF THE
BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY
OF THE
SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE



IN RE: JAMES A. MEANEY, III,) DOCKET NO.: 2012-2107-0-KH(4.3)
Petitioner)

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION

On December 11, 2013, a hearing panel consisting of Wade Davies, Michael Callaway, and Scott Reams, members of the Board of Professional Responsibility, held a hearing by telephone on Mr. Meaney's petition to dissolve his temporary suspension, pursuant to Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 4.3. James A. Meaney, III, petitioner, and Krisann Hodges, Disciplinary Counsel participated.

For the following reasons, the panel recommends that the Supreme Court lift the temporary suspension:

1. On February 28, 2012, Disciplinary Counsel filed a petition with this Court for a temporary suspension based on Mr. Meaney's failure to respond to the Board of Professional Responsibility concerning complaints of misconduct against him.
2. On March 6, 2012, the Supreme Court of Tennessee entered an order of temporary suspension. Pursuant to Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 4.3, the Court found that James A. Meaney, III, had failed to respond to the Board of Professional Responsibility concerning a complaint of misconduct and temporarily suspended Mr. Meaney from the practice of law.
3. On October 16, 2013, Mr. Meaney filed a motion to dissolve the order of temporary suspension.

4. On or about November 22, 2013, Mr. Meaney filed an amended motion to dissolve the order of temporary suspension.

5. Mr. Meaney has shown that he filed a full written response to the disciplinary complaint in question. Further, there has been a full hearing and judgment of the hearing panel. The hearing panel judgment is currently on appeal.

6. The narrow issue here is whether Mr. Meaney's temporary suspension should be lifted under Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 4.3. This issue is unrelated to the merits of the disciplinary complaint. Because the circumstance which led to the temporary suspension has been cured by Mr. Meaney's filing a response to the Disciplinary petition, this panel finds that Mr. Meaney has shown good cause for dissolving the temporary suspension.

Accordingly, the panel recommends that the Court dissolve the order of temporary suspension with the understanding that this recommendation does not affect the pending disciplinary case.

Respectfully submitted this 11th day of December 2013.

Wade V. Davies

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/s/ Michael Callaway

MICHAEL CALLAWAY

/s/ H. Scott Reams

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