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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: MICHAEL C. SKOUTERIS, BPR #17566
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February 12, 2016

SHELBY COUNTY LAWYER TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED

On February 11, 2016, the Supreme Court of Tennessee temporarily suspended Michael C. Skouteris from the practice of law upon finding Mr. Skouteris misappropriated funds and poses a threat of substantial harm to the public. Section 12.3 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 misappropriation of funds.

Mr. Skouteris is immediately precluded from accepting any new cases, and he must cease representing existing clients by March 13, 2016. After March 13, 2016, Mr. Skouteris shall not use any indicia of lawyer, legal assistant, or law clerk nor maintain a presence where the practice of law is conducted.

Mr. Skouteris shall notify all clients being represented in pending matters, as well as co-counsel and opposing counsel of the Supreme Court's Order suspending his law license. Mr. Skouteris shall deliver to all clients any papers or property to which they are entitled.

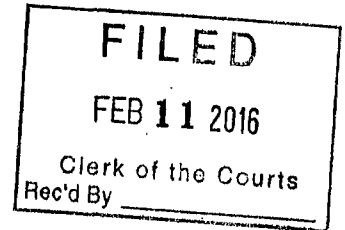
This suspension is immediate and remains in effect until dissolution or modification by the Supreme Court. Mr. Skouteris may for good cause request dissolution or modification of the suspension by petition to the Supreme Court.

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE

IN RE: MICHAEL C. SKOUTERIS, BPR #17566
An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee
(Shelby County)

No. M2016-00291-SC-BAR-BP
BOPR No. 2016-2544-9-AW(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 Michael C. Skouteris from the practice of law, pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.3. The Petition was authorized by the Chair of the Board of Professional Responsibility and is supported by the affidavit of Eileen Burkhalter Smith, Disciplinary Counsel, and the affidavits of William B. Walk, Jr., Charles Michael Ferguson and Darico Randall.

Based upon the Petition and the supporting Affidavits, the Court finds Michael C. Skouteris has misappropriated funds and poses a threat of substantial harm to the public as detailed by the affidavit of Disciplinary Counsel.

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

1. Michael C. Skouteris is hereby temporarily suspended from the practice of law as provided in Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.3.
2. Michael C. Skouteris shall comply with Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9 in all respects and particularly as provided in Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, §§ 28 and 30.
3. Michael C. Skouteris, within ten (10) days of the date this Order is entered, shall provide Disciplinary Counsel with the location and bank account number of all trust accounts for which he has signatory authority or control. Mr. Skouteris shall be enjoined from making any withdrawals from said trust accounts without the advance approval of Disciplinary Counsel. This Order shall serve as an injunction on any bank maintaining a trust account for which Michael C. Skouteris has signatory authority or control.

4. Michael C. Skouteris may make application for dissolution or modification of this Order as provided in Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.3.

5. The Board of Professional Responsibility shall cause notice of this suspension of Michael C. Skouteris to be published as required by Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 28.11.

PER CURIAM