

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE

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IN RE: JAMES THOMAS NEAL, BPR #6838
An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee
(Hamilton County)

No. M2018-00359-SC-BAR-BP
BOPR No. 2018-2834-3-WM-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 James Thomas Neal from the practice of law, pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.3. The Petition has been authorized by the Chair of the Board of Professional Responsibility and is supported by the Affidavits of Preston Shipp, Disciplinary Counsel, and Cindy Shipley.

Based upon the Petition and the supporting Affidavits, the Court finds that James Thomas Neal, Respondent, has misappropriated funds and poses a threat of substantial harm to the public, as detailed by the Affidavits of Preston Shipp, Disciplinary Counsel, and Cindy Shipley.

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

1. James Thomas Neal is hereby temporarily suspended from the practice of law as provided in Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.3.
2. James Thomas Neal shall comply with Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9 in all respects and particularly as provided in Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 28, regarding the responsibilities of suspended attorneys.
3. James Thomas Neal may make application for dissolution or modification of this Order as provided in Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.3.
4. The Board of Professional Responsibility shall cause notice of this suspension of James Thomas Neal to be published as required by Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 28.11.

PER CURIAM