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NASHVILLE LAWYER TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED

On October 10, 2011, the Supreme Court of Tennessee issued an Order summarily and temporarily suspending Dana L. Nero from the practice of law upon finding that Ms. Nero is in substantial noncompliance with her monitoring agreement with the Tennessee Lawyer's Assistance Program.

Effective October 10, 2011, Ms. Nero is precluded from accepting any new cases and she must cease representing existing clients by November 10, 2011. After November 10, 2011, Ms. Nero shall not use any indicia of lawyer, legal assistant, or law clerk nor maintain a presence where the practice of law is conducted.

Ms. Nero 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. Nero 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. Nero 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

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IN RE: DANA L. NERO, BPR NO. 25042
An Attorney Licensed To Practice Law In Tennessee
(Davidson County)

No. M2011-02113-SC-BPR-BP

BOPR No. 2011-2076-5-KH(4.3)

ORDER OF TEMPORARY SUSPENSION

This matter is before the Court upon a Petition of the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Supreme Court of Tennessee, by and through Disciplinary Counsel, for the temporary suspension of Dana L. Nero from the practice of law, pursuant to Section 4.3 of Supreme Court Rule 9. The Petition has been authorized by the Chair of the Board of Professional Responsibility and is supported by the Affidavit of Laura M. Gatrell, Executive Director of the Tennessee Lawyer's Assistance Program.

Based upon the Petition and the supporting Affidavit, the Court finds that Dana L. Nero is in substantial non-compliance with her Monitoring Agreement with the Tennessee Lawyers Assistance Program.

It is, therefore, **ORDERED, ADJUDGED** and **DECREED** by the Court that:

1. Dana L. Nero is hereby temporarily suspended from the practice of law as provided in Section 4.3, Rule 9, of the Rules of the Supreme Court of Tennessee.
2. Dana L. Nero shall comply with Supreme Court Rule 9 in all respects, and particularly as provided in Section 18.
3. Dana L. Nero may make application for dissolution or modification of this Order as provided in Supreme Court Rule 9.
4. The Board of Professional Responsibility shall cause notice of this suspension of Dana L. Nero to be published as required by Supreme Court Rule 9.

I, Michael W. Catalano, Clerk, hereby certify that
this is a true and exact copy of the original

Filed in the case of Dana L. Nero
This 10 day of Oct, 2011
By: [Signature]
CLERK OF COURT

FOR THE COURT:

[Signature]
WILLIAM C. KOCH, JR., JUSTICE