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**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**  
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June 11, 2012

**NASHVILLE LAWYER TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED**

On June 11, 2012, the Supreme Court of Tennessee temporarily suspended the law license of Dana L. Nero pursuant to Section 4.3 of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9. The Board of Professional Responsibility petitioned the Court to temporarily suspend Ms. Nero's law license due to the failure to substantially comply with her Tennessee Lawyers Assistance Program (TLAP) Monitoring Agreement.

Effective June 11, 2012, Ms. Nero is precluded from accepting any new cases and she must cease representing existing clients by July 11, 2012. After July 11, 2012, 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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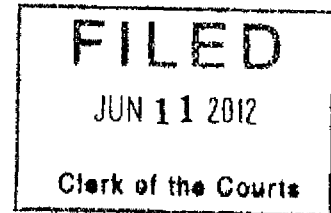
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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE  
AT NASHVILLE

IN RE DANA L. NERO, #025042

An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee  
(Davidson County)

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No. M2012-01169-SC-BPR-BP  
BOPR No. 2012-2124-5-KB(4.3)  
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**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 Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 4.3. The Petition has been authorized by the Chair of the Board of Professional Responsibility and is supported by the Affidavit of Ted Rice, Deputy 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 pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 4.3.
2. Dana L. Nero shall comply with Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, in all respects, and particularly as provided in § 18.
3. Dana L. Nero may make application for dissolution or modification of this Order pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 4.3.
4. The Board of Professional Responsibility shall cause notice of this suspension of Dana L. Nero to be published as required by Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 18.10.

FOR THE COURT:

  
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WILLIAM C. KOCH, JR., JUSTICE