

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE  
AT NASHVILLE

IN RE: ROBERT E. NICHOLS, BPR NO. 11084,  
AN ATTORNEY LICENSED TO PRACTICE LAW  
IN TENNESSEE (KNOX COUNTY)

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BOPR No. 2006-1645-2(K)-TC(4.3)  
No. M2006-00220-SC-BPR-SP  
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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 Robert E. Nichols 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 Theresa M. Costonis, Disciplinary Counsel.

Based upon the Petition and the supporting affidavit, the Court finds that Robert E. Nichols, Respondent, has failed to respond to the Board of Professional Responsibility concerning a complaint of misconduct.

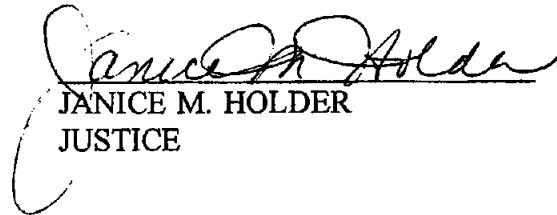
It is, therefore, **ORDERED, ADJUDGED** and **DECREED** by the Court that:

1. Robert E. Nichols 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. Robert E. Nichols shall comply with Supreme Court Rule 9 in all respects, and particularly as provided in Section 18.
3. Robert E. Nichols may make application for dissolution or modification of this Order as provided in Supreme Court Rule 9.

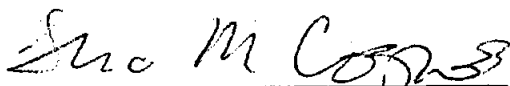
4. The Board of Professional Responsibility shall cause notice of this suspension of Robert E. Nichols to be published as required by Supreme Court Rule 9.

This 9<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2006.

FOR THE COURT:

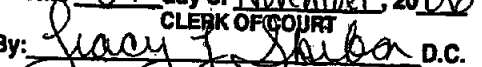
  
JANICE M. HOLDER  
JUSTICE

APPROVED FOR ENTRY:

  
Theresa M. Costonis, BPR No. 17054  
Disciplinary Counsel  
Board of Professional Responsibility  
1101 Kermit Drive, Suite 730  
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I, Michael W. Catalano, Clerk, hereby certify that this is a true and exact copy of the original

Order  
filed in the cause.  
This 21 day of November, 2006

By:   
CLERK OF COURT  
D.C.



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**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**  
**RE: ROBERT E. NICHOLS, REG. NO. 11084**  
**CONTACT: THERESA M. COSTONIS**  
**BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY**

November 27, 2006

**KNOXVILLE LAWYER TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED BY SUPREME COURT**

By Order of the Supreme Court of Tennessee filed November 21, 2006, Robert E. Nichols' license to practice law was temporarily suspended, pursuant to Rules of the Supreme Court of Tennessee, upon a finding that Mr. Nichols had failed to timely respond to the Board of Professional Responsibility concerning a complaint of misconduct.

Mr. Nichols may continue to represent existing clients for thirty days. Mr. Nichols must cease representing all clients effective December 21, 2006, and may not accept new cases following that date. After December 21, 2006, Mr. Nichols shall not use any indicia of lawyer, legal assistant, or law clerk, etc., nor maintain a presence where the practice of law is conducted.

The Order requires Mr. Nichols to notify by registered or certified mail 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. Section 18 of Supreme Court Rule 9 requires Mr. Nichols to deliver to all clients any papers or property to which they are entitled.

Mr. Nichols may for good cause request dissolution or modification of this suspension by petition to the Supreme Court. This suspension remains in effect until dissolution or modification by the Supreme Court.

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