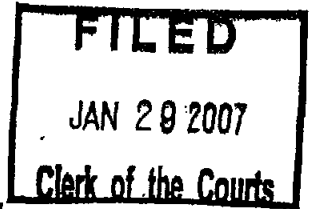


IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE



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

BOPR No. 2006-1645-2(K)-TC(4.3)
No. M2006-00220-SC-BPR-BP

ORDER OF ENFORCEMENT

On November 21, 2006, the Court entered an Order of Temporary Suspension suspending Robert E. Nichols pursuant to Section 4.3 of Supreme Court Rule 9 for failure to file a timely response to a complaint of misconduct. On December 6, 2006, Mr. Nichols filed a Petition for Dissolution of Order of Temporary Suspension pursuant to Section 4.3 of Supreme Court Rule 9.

On December 8, 2006, a hearing was conducted before a Hearing Panel composed of three members of the Board of Professional Responsibility (the Board). The Hearing Panel entered its Report and Recommendation, recommending that the temporary suspension imposed by the Order of Temporary Suspension filed November 21, 2006, be dissolved upon Mr. Nichols' compliance with a condition precedent, which was to provide to the Board the information requested from Mr. Nichols by Disciplinary Counsel in her November 28, 2006, letter, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A. A letter from Mr. Nichols to Disciplinary Counsel dated December 18, 2006, with attachments, was subsequently received by the Board. A copy of this letter, with its attachments, is attached hereto as Exhibit B.¹ A copy of the Report and Recommendation of the 4.3 Hearing Panel is attached hereto as Exhibit C and incorporated herein by reference.

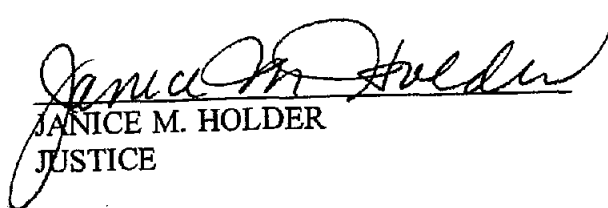
It is therefore, ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that the temporary suspension imposed upon Robert E. Nichols by Order of Temporary Suspension filed November 21, 2006, is hereby dissolved and Robert E. Nichols is reinstated to the practice of law.

¹One of these attachments, an excerpt from the records of Mr. Nichols' trust account, has been redacted to protect information relating to another client of Mr. Nichols not related to this proceeding.

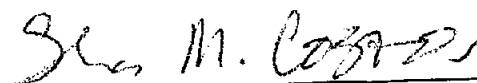
It is further ORDERED that Robert E. Nichols shall reimburse and pay to the Board of Professional Responsibility the costs and expenses of this proceeding in the amount of \$1,309.00, and, in addition, shall pay to the Clerk of this Court the costs incurred herein, for all of which execution shall issue, if necessary.

This 25th day of January, 2007.

FOR THE COURT:


JANICE M. HOLDER
JUSTICE

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