

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. 2007-1685-2(K)-TC(4.3)  
No. M 2007-01314-SC-BPR-BP

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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 Affidavits of Joshua I. McLain and Sandra Lee Miller and certified copies of two Orders and a Memorandum filed in the case of Joy Lynn Howard, No. 06-30562, before the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Tennessee.

Based upon the Petition and the supporting Affidavits of Joshua I. McLain and Sandra Lee Miller and certified copies of two Orders and Memorandum filed in the case of Joy Lynn Howard, No. 06-30562, before the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Tennessee, the Court finds that Robert E. Nichols poses a threat of irreparable harm to the public.

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 27 day of July, 2007.

FOR THE COURT:

  
JANICE M. HOLDER  
JUSTICE

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