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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: ASCHALEW GUADIE NIGUSSIE, BPR #32278
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March 13, 2017

DECATUR, GEORGIA LAWYER TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED

Effective March 10, 2017, the Supreme Court of Tennessee temporarily suspended Aschalew Guadie Nigussie, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, from the practice of law for failing to respond to the Board of Professional Responsibility concerning a complaint of misconduct filed against him.

Mr. Nigussie is immediately precluded from accepting any new cases, and he must cease representing existing clients by April 9, 2017. After April 9, 2017, Mr. Nigussie shall not use any indicia of lawyer, legal assistant, or law clerk nor maintain a presence where the practice of law is conducted.

Mr. Nigussie shall notify 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. Mr. Nigussie shall deliver to all clients any papers or property to which they are entitled.

This suspension is immediate and remains in effect until dissolution or modification by the Supreme Court. Mr. Nigussie 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

IN RE: ASCHALEW GUADIE NIGUSSIE, BPR #32278

An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee
(Decatur, Georgia)

No. M2017-00461-SC-BAR-BP
BOPR No. 2017-2692- 0-AW-12.3

ORDER OF TEMPORARY SUSPENSION

This matter is before the Court on the Petition of the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Supreme Court of Tennessee, by and through Disciplinary Counsel, for the temporary suspension of Aschalew Guadie Nigussie from the practice of law, pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.3. The Petition was authorized by the Chair of the Board of Professional Responsibility and is supported by the Affidavit of Eileen Burkhalter Smith, Disciplinary Counsel.

Based upon the Petition and the supporting Affidavit, the Court finds Aschalew Guadie Nigussie, Respondent, failed to respond to the Board of Professional Responsibility concerning a complaint of misconduct.

IT IS THEREFORE, CONSIDERED, ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED BY THE COURT THAT:

1. Aschalew Guadie Nigussie is hereby temporarily suspended from the practice of law as provided in Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.3.
2. Aschalew Guadie Nigussie shall comply with Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9 in all respects and particularly as provided in Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 28, regarding the responsibilities of suspended attorneys.
3. Aschalew Guadie Nigussie may make application for dissolution or modification of this Order as provided in Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.3.
4. The Board of Professional Responsibility shall cause notice of this suspension of Aschalew Guadie Nigussie to be published as required by Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 28.11.

PER CURIAM