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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: ALBERT FITZPATRICK OFFICER, III, BPR #11629
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July 12, 2017

PUTNAM COUNTY LAWYER TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED

On July 12, 2017, the Supreme Court of Tennessee temporarily suspended Albert Fitzpatrick Officer, III, from the practice of law upon finding that Mr. Officer poses a threat of substantial harm to the public. Section 12.3 of Supreme Court Rule 9 provides for the immediate summary suspension of an attorney's license to practice law if an attorney poses a threat of substantial harm to the public.

Mr. Officer is immediately precluded from accepting any new cases, and he must cease representing existing clients by August 11, 2017. After August 11, 2017, Mr. Officer shall not use any indicia of lawyer, legal assistant, or law clerk nor maintain a presence where the practice of law is conducted.

Mr. Officer must 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. Officer is required 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. Mr. Officer may for good cause request dissolution or modification of the suspension by petition to the Supreme Court.

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AT NASHVILLE

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IN RE: ALBERT FITZPATRICK OFFICER, III, BPR #11629
An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee
(Putnam County)

No. M2017-01413-SC-BAR-BP
BOPR No. 2017-2740-4-WM-12.3

ORDER OF TEMPORARY SUSPENSION

This matter is before the Court on a Petition of the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Supreme Court of Tennessee, by and through Disciplinary Counsel, for the temporary suspension of Albert Fitzpatrick Officer, III, from the practice of law, pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.3. The Petition has been authorized by the Chair of the Board of Professional Responsibility and is supported by the Affidavit of Preston Shipp, Disciplinary Counsel.

Based upon the Petition and the supporting Affidavit, the Court finds that Albert Fitzpatrick Officer, III, Respondent, poses a threat of substantial harm to the public as evidenced by his behavior and appearance in court giving a reasonable belief that his fitness to practice law is impaired by drug use as detailed by the Affidavit of Preston Shipp, Disciplinary Counsel, and attachments.

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

1. Albert Fitzpatrick Officer, III, is hereby temporarily suspended from the practice of law as provided in Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.3.
2. Albert Fitzpatrick Officer, III, 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. Albert Fitzpatrick Officer, III, 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 Albert Fitzpatrick Officer, III, to be published as required by Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 28.11.

PER CURIAM