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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: JOHN PHILIP PARSONS, BPR #11636
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January 21, 2016

PUTNAM COUNTY LAWYER TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED

On January 21, 2016, the Supreme Court of Tennessee temporarily suspended John Philip Parsons from the practice of law upon finding Mr. Parsons misappropriated funds and posed 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 in cases of an attorney misappropriating funds and posing a substantial threat of harm to the public.

Mr. Parsons is immediately precluded from accepting any new cases and must cease representing existing clients by February 20, 2016. After February 20, 2016, Mr. Parsons shall not use any indicia of lawyer, legal assistant, or law clerk nor maintain a presence where the practice of law is conducted.

Mr. Parsons 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. Parsons is required to deliver to all clients any papers or property to which they are entitled.

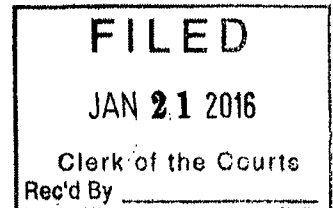
This suspension remains in effect until dissolution or modification by the Supreme Court. Mr. Parsons may for good cause request dissolution or modification of the suspension by petition to the Supreme Court.

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE

IN RE: JOHN PHILIP PARSONS, BPR #11636
An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee
(Putnam County)

No. M2016-00126-SC-BAR-BP
BOPR No. 2016-2530-4-AW(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 John Philip Parsons 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 John Philip Parsons, Respondent, has misappropriated funds and poses a threat of substantial harm to the public as detailed by the Affidavit of Disciplinary Counsel.

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

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

PER CURIAM