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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: PHILIP JOSEPH PEREZ, BPR #021920
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January 27, 2020

DAVIDSON COUNTY LAWYER TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED

On January 27, 2020, the Supreme Court of Tennessee temporarily suspended Philip Joseph Perez from the practice of law upon finding that Mr. Perez failed to respond to the Board regarding two (2) complaints of misconduct. 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's failure to respond to the Board regarding complaints of misconduct.

Mr. Perez is immediately precluded from accepting any new cases, and he must cease representing existing clients by February 26, 2020. After February 26, 2020, Mr. Perez shall not use any indicia of lawyer, legal assistant, or law clerk nor maintain a presence where the practice of law is conducted.

Mr. Perez 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. Perez 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. Perez may for good cause request dissolution or modification of the suspension by petition to the Supreme Court.

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IN RE: PHILIP JOSEPH PEREZ, BPR #021920
An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee
(Davidson County)

No. M2020-00138-SC-BAR-BP
BOPR No. 2020-3067-5-JM-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 Philip Joseph Perez 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 Kevin Balkwill, Disciplinary Counsel, and the Affidavit of R. Michelle Howser, Esq.

Based upon the Petition and the supporting Affidavits, the Court finds that Philip Joseph Perez, Respondent, has failed to respond to the Board of Professional Responsibility concerning two complaints of misconduct.

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

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

PER CURIAM