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PULASKI LAWYER TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED

On January 10, 2006, the Supreme Court of Tennessee issued an order summarily and temporarily suspending Keith R. Peterson's license to practice law, upon finding Mr. Peterson had failed to answer the Board of Professional Responsibility regarding a complaint of misconduct. Section 4.3 of Supreme Court Rule 9 provides for the immediate summary suspension of an attorney's license to practice law in cases of failing to respond to the Board of Professional Responsibility. Disciplinary Counsel filed a petition with the Supreme Court alleging that Mr. Peterson had failed to respond to the Board regarding a complaint.

The January 10, 2006 Order precludes Mr. Peterson from accepting any new cases effective January 10, 2006. Mr. Peterson must cease representing existing clients effective February 9, 2006. After February 9, 2006, Mr. Peterson shall not use any indicia of lawyer, legal assistant, or law clerk nor maintain a presence where the practice of law is conducted.

The Order requires Mr. Peterson to notify by registered or certified mail 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. Section 18 of Supreme Court Rule 9 requires Mr. Peterson 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. Peterson may for good cause request dissolution or modification of the suspension by petition to the Supreme Court.

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