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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: JOHN RYAN POOLE, BPR #035782
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December 17, 2019

DAVIDSON COUNTY LAWYER TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED

On December 17, 2019, the Supreme Court of Tennessee temporarily suspended John Ryan Poole from the practice of law upon finding Mr. Poole failed to respond to the Board, misappropriated funds, and 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. Poole is immediately precluded from accepting any new cases, and he must cease representing existing clients by January 16, 2020. After January 16, 2020, Mr. Poole shall not use any indicia of lawyer, legal assistant, or law clerk nor maintain a presence where the practice of law is conducted.

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

Mr. Poole must comply with the requirements of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Sections 28 and 12.3(d), regarding the obligations and responsibilities of temporarily suspended attorneys and the procedure for reinstatement.

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

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE

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IN RE: JOHN RYAN POOLE, BPR #035782
An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee
(Davidson County)

No. M2019-02208-SC-BAR-BP
BOPR No. 2019-3058-5-BL-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 Ryan Poole 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 Eileen Burkhalter Smith, Disciplinary Counsel.

Based upon the Petition and the supporting Affidavit, the Court finds that John Ryan Poole, Respondent, has misappropriated funds and failed to respond to Disciplinary Counsel concerning a complaint of misconduct as detailed by the Affidavit of Disciplinary Counsel.

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

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

PER CURIAM