

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE  
AT NASHVILLE

**IN RE: KEITH A. POPE, BPR NO. 014146**  
An Attorney Licensed To Practice Law In Tennessee  
(Knox County)

**FILED**

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**Clerk of the Courts**

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No. M2011-00152-SC-BPR-BP  
BOPR No. 2011-2002-2-SG(4.3)

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**ORDER OF TEMPORARY SUSPENSION**

This matter is before the Court upon a Petition of the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Supreme Court of Tennessee, by and through Disciplinary Counsel, for the temporary suspension of Keith A. Pope, from the practice of law, pursuant to Section 4.3 of Supreme Court Rule 9. The Petition has been authorized by the Chair of the Board of Professional Responsibility and is supported by the affidavit of Laura Gatrell, Executive Director of Tennessee Lawyers' Assistance Program (TLAP).

Based upon the Petition, and the affidavit of Laura Gatrell, the Court finds that Keith A. Pope, Respondent, has failed to comply with his TLAP monitoring agreement. This failure appears distinct from the specific admission of relapse noted in the December 23, 2010 petition. Although this relapse may have occurred before the Order Imposing Temporary Conditions of Probation was entered January 5, 2011, if true, it may constitute a violation of the terms of both the July 8, 2010 Order and the January 5, 2011 Order.

It is, therefore, **ORDERED, ADJUDGED** and **DECREED** by the Court:

1. That Keith A. Pope is hereby temporarily suspended from the practice of law as provided in Section 4.3 of Supreme Court Rule 9.
2. That Keith A. Pope comply with Supreme Court Rule 9 in all respects, and particularly as provided in Section 18.
3. That Keith A. Pope's January 25, 2011 Answer and Motion to Dismiss Petition for Temporary Suspension shall be treated as an application for dissolution or modification of this Order as provided in Supreme Court Rule 9. Section 4.3 requires an immediate hearing before the Board of Professional Responsibility or an appropriately-constituted Panel, with the Panel to submit its report and recommendation to the Court "with the utmost speed consistent with due process".

4. That the Board take appropriate steps to comply with Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 4.3. This Court will not take action until the report and recommendation of the Panel is received.

5. That the Board of Professional Responsibility shall cause notice of this suspension of Keith A. Pope, to be published as required by Supreme Court Rule 9.

FOR THE COURT:

*Cornelia A. Clark*

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CHIEF JUSTICE