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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: JENNIFER M. PORTH, BPR #026537
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August 11, 2022

WILSON COUNTY LAWYER TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED

On August 11, 2022, the Supreme Court of Tennessee temporarily suspended Jennifer M. Porth from the practice of law upon finding Ms. Porth misappropriated client funds, failed to respond to the Board regarding a complaint of misconduct 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 client funds, posing a threat of substantial harm to the public, or failing to respond to the Board regarding a complaint of misconduct.

Ms. Porth is immediately precluded from accepting any new cases and shall cease representing existing clients by September 10, 2022. After September 10, 2022, Ms. Porth shall not use any indicia of lawyer, legal assistant, or law clerk, nor maintain a presence where the practice of law is conducted.

Ms. Porth must notify all clients being represented in pending matters, as well as co-counsel and opposing counsel of the Supreme Court's Order suspending her law license. Ms. Porth is required to deliver to all clients any papers or property to which they are entitled.

Ms. Porth 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. Ms. Porth 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: JENNIFER M. PORTH, BPR #026537
An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee
(Wilson County)

No. M2022-01078-SC-BAR-BP
BOPR No. 2022-3271-4-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 Jennifer M. Porth 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 Travenia A. Holden, the Affidavit of Debra L. Dishmon, and by Affidavit of Douglas Robert Bergeron, Disciplinary Counsel for the Board of Professional Responsibility.

Based upon the Petition and the supporting Affidavits, the Court finds Jennifer M. Porth, Respondent, misappropriated funds for her own use, failed to respond to the Board of Professional Responsibility concerning a complaint of misconduct and poses a threat of substantial harm to the public.

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

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

PER CURIAM