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SAVANNAH LAWYER SUSPENDED

On September 21, 2011, the Tennessee Supreme Court suspended the law license of James Strong Powell pursuant to Section 14 of the Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9. The Court suspended Mr. Powell's law license based upon Mr. Powell having been found guilty of a serious crime, i.e., aggravated perjury.

The Supreme Court further ordered the Board of Professional Responsibility to institute a formal proceeding to determine the extent of final discipline to be imposed as a result of the conviction. Mr. Powell was ordered to fully comply with the provisions of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 18, which requires, in part, a prohibition from undertaking any new representation.

This suspension shall remain in effect until it is dissolved or amended by order of the Supreme Court of Tennessee.

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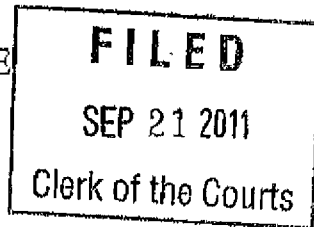
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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE

JAMES STRONG POWELL, BPR#015619
An Attorney Licensed in Tennessee
(Hardin County)



No. MR011-02004-SC-BPO-BP

BOPR No. 2011-2073-7-SG(14)

ORDER

This matter is before the Court pursuant to Section 14 of Rule 9, Rules of the Supreme Court of Tennessee, upon a certificate filed by Disciplinary Counsel for the Board of Professional Responsibility consisting of a certified copy of the Jury Verdict Form in a Criminal Case, *State of Tennessee v. James S. Powell*, (attached as Exhibit A) in the Circuit Court for Hardin County dated August 9, 2011, demonstrating that James S. Powell, a Tennessee attorney, has been found guilty of a serious crime, i.e., aggravated perjury.

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

1. James S. Powell is suspended from the practice of law on this date pending further orders of this Court, pursuant to Section 14 of Rule 9 of the Rules of the Supreme Court of Tennessee;
2. This matter shall be referred to the Board of Professional Responsibility for the institution of a formal proceeding in which the sole issue to be determined shall be the extent of the final discipline to be imposed as a result of the conviction by the Guilty Plea;
3. James S. Powell shall fully comply with the provisions of Section 18 of Rule 9, Rules of the Supreme Court, concerning disbarred or suspended attorneys; and
4. The Board of Professional Responsibility shall cause notice of this suspension to be published as required by Supreme Court Rule 9.

FOR THE COURT:



WILLIAM C. KOCH, JR., JUSTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HARDIN COUNTY, TENNESSEE

STATE OF TENNESSEE,

VERSUS

JAMES S. POWELL, DEFENDANT.

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} NO. 9309
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JURY VERDICT FORM

(Select only one box reflecting the jury's verdict. Insert the amount of fine in the appropriate space, entering a zero (0) if the jury elects no fine.)

We, the Jury, find the defendant **GUILTY** of Aggravated Perjury and fix a fine in the amount of \$ 2500⁰⁰ (not to exceed \$5,000.00).

[Signature]
Jury Foreperson
Date: Aug 7, 2011

OR

We, the Jury, find the defendant **GUILTY** of Perjury and fix a fine in the amount of \$ _____ (not to exceed \$2,500.00).

Jury Foreperson
Date: _____

OR

We, the Jury, find the defendant **NOT GUILTY**.

STATE OF TENNESSEE, HARDIN COUNTY
I, the undersigned Court Clerk, do hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of the original of this instrument Verdict Form in this cause.
In Minute Book _____ Page _____
This 23rd day of August, 2011
By: [Signature] Clerk
DIANE HICK, CLERK

Jury Foreperson
Date: _____

Michael W. Catalano, Clerk, hereby certify that this is a true and exact copy of the original filed in the cause.
This 23rd day of Aug, 2011
By: [Signature] CLERK OF COURT D.C.