

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE  
AT NASHVILLE

IN RE JAMES L. RATHER, BPR #019722

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No. M2011-02687-SC-BPR-BP  
BOPR Docket No. 2011-2083-2-KH(17)

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**ORDER**

On November 18, 2011, the Board of Professional Responsibility filed a petition for reciprocal discipline pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 17 seeking the disbarment of James L. Rather based on his disbarment by the Supreme Court of California in 2006. On December 19, 2011, Mr. Rather filed a premature, unverified and materially deficient response opposing the imposition of reciprocal discipline. By Order entered December 22, 2011, and served upon Mr. Rather by certified mail received December 28, 2011, the Court directed that Mr. Rather inform the Court within thirty (30) days of his receipt of that Order why reciprocal discipline should not be imposed in Tennessee in accordance with the standards contained in Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 17.4; that he provide the Court with certified copies of the relevant portions of the California disciplinary proceeding; and, that he detail his efforts to obtain relief in California from the Supreme Court of California's disbarment order and provide the Court with copies of any papers filed in connection with such efforts. The Court advised Mr. Rather that his failure to timely respond would result in the Court imposing disbarment based upon the Supreme Court of California's judgment of disbarment. Mr. Rather has failed to respond as directed by the Court's Order.

It is, therefore, ordered that James L. Rather be disbarred from the practice of law pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, §17.4.

FOR THE COURT:



WILLIAM C. KOCH, JR., JUSTICE