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ANDERSON COUNTY LAWYER TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED

On January 31, 2011, the Supreme Court of Tennessee issued an Order summarily and temporarily suspending Michael W. Ritter from the practice of law upon finding that Mr. Ritter has failed to respond to the Board regarding a complaint of misconduct. Section 4.3 of Supreme Court Rule 9 provides for the immediate summary suspension of an attorney's license to practice law in cases of an attorney's failure to respond to the Board regarding a complaint of misconduct.

Effective February 1, 2011, Mr. Ritter is precluded from accepting any new cases and he must cease representing existing clients by March 2, 2011. After March 2, 2011, Mr. Ritter shall not use any indicia of lawyer, legal assistant, or law clerk nor maintain a presence where the practice of law is conducted.

Mr. Ritter 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. Section 18 of Supreme Court Rule 9 requires Mr. Ritter to deliver to all clients any papers or property to which they are entitled.

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

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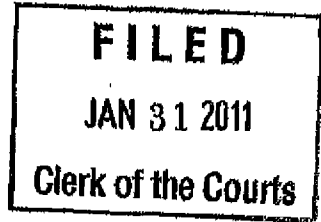
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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE

IN RE: MICHAEL W. RITTER, BPR #12229
An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee
(Anderson County)



No. MS2011-00181-SC-BPR-BP
BOPR No. 2010-2003-2-KH(4.3)

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 Michael W. Ritter 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 Preston Shipp, Disciplinary Counsel.

Based upon the Petition and the supporting Affidavit, the Court finds that Michael W. Ritter, Respondent, has failed to respond to Disciplinary Counsel's request for additional information from the Board of Professional Responsibility concerning a complaint of misconduct.

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

1. Michael W. Ritter is hereby temporarily suspended from the practice of law as provided in Section 4.3 of Supreme Court Rule 9.
2. Michael W. Ritter shall comply with Supreme Court Rule 9 in all respects, and particularly as provided in Section 18.
3. Michael W. Ritter may make application for dissolution or modification of this Order as provided in Supreme Court Rule 9.
4. The Board of Professional Responsibility shall cause notice of this suspension of Michael W. Ritter to be published as required by Supreme Court Rule 9.

FOR THE COURT:

I, _____, Clerk, hereby certify that
this is a true and exact copy of the original

filed in the office.

This 31 day of Jan, 2011

CLERK OF COURT

By: _____

Cornelia A. Clark

CORNELIA A. CLARK
CHIEF JUSTICE