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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: STEVEN EDWARD SAMS, BPR #22560
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September 17, 2013

KNOXVILLE LAWYER TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED

On September 12, 2013, the Supreme Court of Tennessee issued an Order summarily and temporarily suspending Steven Edward Sams from the practice of law upon finding that Mr. Sams 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 September 12, 2013, Mr. Sams is precluded from accepting any new cases and he must cease representing existing clients by October 12, 2013. After October 12, 2013, Mr. Sams shall not use any indicia of lawyer, legal assistant, or law clerk nor maintain a presence where the practice of law is conducted.

Mr. Sams 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. Sams 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. Sams may for good cause request dissolution or modification of the suspension by petition to the Supreme Court.

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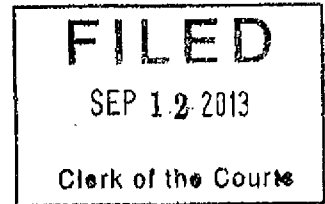
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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE

IN RE: STEVEN EDWARD SAMS, BPR #22560
An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee
(Knox County)

No. M2013-02042-SC-BAR-BP
BOPR No. 2013-2251-2-WM (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 Steven Edward Sams from the practice of law, pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 4.3. The Petition has been authorized by the Chair of the Board of Professional Responsibility and is supported by the affidavit of Elizabeth C. Garber, Disciplinary Counsel.

Based upon the Petition and the supporting Affidavit, the Court finds that Steven Edward Sams, Respondent, has failed to respond to the Board of Professional Responsibility concerning a complaint of misconduct.

It is therefore, ordered, adjudged and decreed by the Court that:

1. Steven Edward Sams is hereby temporarily suspended from the practice of law as provided in Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 4.3.
2. Steven Edward Sams shall comply with Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9 in all respects and particularly as provided in Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 18.
3. Steven Edward Sams may make application for dissolution or modification of this Order as provided in Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 4.3.
4. The Board of Professional Responsibility shall cause notice of this suspension of Steven Edward Sams to be published as required by Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 18.10.

FOR THE COURT:

Cornelia A. Clark
CORNELIA A. CLARK, JUSTICE