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IN RE: CHERYL J. SKIDMORE, BPR #16294
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GALLATIN LAWYER TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED

On February 8, 2011, the Supreme Court of Tennessee issued an Order summarily and temporarily suspending Cheryl J. Skidmore from the practice of law upon finding that Ms. Skidmore poses a threat of substantial harm to the public. Section 4.3 of Supreme Court Rule 9 provides for the immediate summary suspension of an attorney's license to practice law in cases where it has been demonstrated that the attorney poses a threat of substantial harm to the public.

Effective February 8, 2011, Ms. Skidmore is precluded from accepting any new cases and she must cease representing existing clients by March 10, 2011. After March 10, 2011, Ms. Skidmore shall not use any indicia of lawyer, legal assistant, or law clerk nor maintain a presence where the practice of law is conducted.

Ms. Skidmore 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. Section 18 of Supreme Court Rule 9 requires Ms. Skidmore 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. Ms. Skidmore may for good cause request dissolution or modification of the suspension by petition to the Supreme Court.

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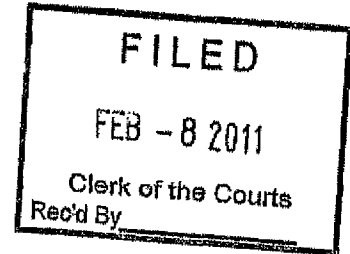
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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE

IN RE: **CHERYL J. SKIDMORE, BPR #16294**
An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee
(Sumner County)

No. M2011-00252-SC-BPR-BP
BOPR No. 2011-2010-6-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 Cheryl J. Skidmore 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 Elizabeth C. Garber, Disciplinary Counsel, and Judge James M. Hunter, Jr.

Based upon the Petition, Order of the Honorable Dee David Gay, and the supporting Affidavits, the Court finds that Cheryl J. Skidmore poses a threat of substantial harm to the public.

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

1. Cheryl J. Skidmore is hereby temporarily suspended from the practice of law as provided in Section 4.3 of Supreme Court Rule 9.
2. Cheryl J. Skidmore shall comply with Supreme Court Rule 9 in all respects, and particularly as provided in Section 18.
3. Cheryl J. Skidmore 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 Cheryl J. Skidmore to be published as required by Supreme Court Rule 9.

FOR THE COURT:

Notarized W. Catalano, Clerk, hereby certify that this is a true and exact copy of the original filed in the court. This day of Feb, 2011. CLERK OF COURT. [Signature]

Cornelia A. Clark
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CHIEF JUSTICE