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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: EDMUND VICTOR SMITH, BPR #26986
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BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY
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July 28, 2014

CHRISTIAN COUNTY KENTUCKY LAWYER TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED

On July 25, 2014, the Supreme Court of Tennessee temporarily suspended Edmund Victor Smith from the practice of law upon finding that Mr. Smith has failed to respond to the Board regarding a complaint of misconduct. Section 12.3 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 July 25, 2014, Mr. Smith is precluded from accepting any new cases and he must cease representing existing clients by August 24, 2014. After August 24, 2014, Mr. Smith shall not use any indicia of lawyer, legal assistant, or law clerk nor maintain a presence where the practice of law is conducted.

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

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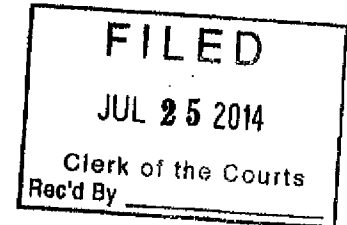
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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE

IN RE: EDMUND VICTOR SMITH, BPR #26986

An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee
(Christian County, Kentucky)

No. M2014-01412-SC-BAR-BP
BOPR No. 2014-2343-0-AJ(12.3)



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 Edmund Victor Smith from the practice of law, pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.3.¹ 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 Edmund Victor Smith, 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. Edmund Victor Smith is hereby temporarily suspended from the practice of law as provided in Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.3.
2. Edmund Victor Smith shall comply with Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9 in all respects and particularly as provided in Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 28.
3. Edmund Victor Smith may make application for dissolution or modification of this Order as provided in Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.3.

¹ Because this case was initiated after January 1, 2014, it is governed by the 2014 version of Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9.

4. The Board of Professional Responsibility shall cause notice of this suspension of Edmund Victor Smith to be published as required by Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 28.11.

FOR THE COURT:

Cornelia A. Clark
CORNELIA A. CLARK, JUSTICE