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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: KATHERINE EVETT SMITH, BPR #23028
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August 17, 2016

SHELBY COUNTY LAWYER PLACED ON DISABILITY INACTIVE STATUS

By Order of the Tennessee Supreme Court entered August 16, 2016, the law license of Katherine Evett Smith was transferred to disability inactive status pursuant to Section 27.4 of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9.

Ms. Smith cannot practice law while on disability inactive status. She may return to the practice of law after reinstatement by the Tennessee Supreme Court upon showing of clear and convincing evidence that the disability has been removed and she is fit to resume the practice of law.

On June 24, 2016, the Supreme Court of Tennessee temporarily suspended Katherine Evett Smith from the practice of law upon finding that Ms. Smith failed to respond to the Board regarding a complaint of misconduct. That suspension remains in effect.

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE

IN RE: KATHERINE EVETT SMITH, BPR #23028
An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee
(Shelby County)

No. M2016-01595-SC-BAR-BP
BOPR No. 2016-2612-9-WM(27)

FILED

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Clerk of the Courts

**ORDER TRANSFERRING ATTORNEY TO
DISABILITY INACTIVE STATUS**

This matter is before the Court upon a petition to transfer Katherine Evett Smith, to disability inactive status filed by the Tennessee Board of Professional Responsibility pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 27.4.

Upon due consideration of documentation from Ms. Smith's medical care provider submitted by Ms. Smith, the Court concludes that Katherine Evett Smith is currently incapacitated from continuing the practice of law.

IT IS, THEREFORE, CONSIDERED, ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED BY THE COURT THAT:

1. The law license of Katherine Evett Smith shall be transferred to disability inactive status for an indefinite period of time and until further orders of the Supreme Court.
2. The Petition for Discipline, Supplemental Petition for Discipline and Second Supplemental Petition for Discipline proceedings, Docket No. 2016-2557-9-WM, are suspended indefinitely until such time as Ms. Smith is removed from disability inactive status.
3. Ms. Smith shall be allowed to petition for reinstatement to active status pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 27.7.
4. The Board shall publish notice of this transfer pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, §§ 27.5 and 28.11.

5. Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 32.4, documents other than this Order relating to Ms. Smith's disability proceeding shall not be public records and shall be kept confidential.

PER CURIAM