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HAWKINS COUNTY LAWYER SUSPENDED

On June 29, 2012, the Tennessee Supreme Court temporarily suspended the law license of James F. Taylor pursuant to Section 4.3 of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9. The Board of Professional Responsibility petitioned the Court to temporarily suspend Mr. Taylor's law license due to misappropriation of funds for Mr. Taylor's own use and posing a threat of substantial harm to the public.

Effective June 29, 2012, Mr. Taylor is precluded from accepting any new cases and he must cease representing existing clients by July 29, 2012. After July 29, 2012, Mr. Taylor shall not use any indicia of lawyer, legal assistant, or law clerk nor maintain a presence where the practice of law is conducted.

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

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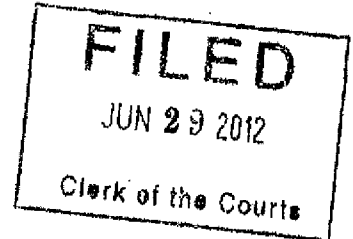
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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE

IN RE **JAMES FRANKLIN TAYLOR, BPR #018998**
An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee
(Hawkins County)

No. 2012-01341-SC-BPR-BP
BOPR No. 2012-2133-1-SG(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 James Franklin Taylor 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 Sandy Garrett, Senior Litigation Counsel.

Based upon the Petition and the supporting Affidavit, the Court finds that James Franklin Taylor has misappropriated funds for his own use and poses a threat of substantial harm to the public.

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

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

FOR THE COURT:

WILLIAM C. KOCH, JR., JUSTICE