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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: ELIZABETH CATHERINE VELASQUEZ, BPR #28884
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November 3, 2017

SEVIER COUNTY LAWYER TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED

On November 3, 2017, the Supreme Court of Tennessee temporarily suspended Elizabeth Catherine Velasquez from the practice of law upon finding that Ms. Velasquez 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.

Ms. Velasquez is immediately precluded from accepting any new cases, and she must cease representing existing clients by December 3, 2017. After December 3, 2017, Ms. Velasquez shall not use any indicia of lawyer, legal assistant, or law clerk nor maintain a presence where the practice of law is conducted.

Ms. Velasquez 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. Ms. Velasquez is required 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. Velasquez may for good cause request dissolution or modification of the suspension by petition to the Supreme Court.

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IN RE: ELIZABETH CATHERINE VELASQUEZ, BPR #28884

An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee
(Sevier County)

No. M2017-02156-SC-BAR-BP
BOPR No. 2017-2780-1-WM-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 Elizabeth Catherine Velasquez from the practice of law, pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.3. The Petition has been authorized by the Chair of the Board of Professional Responsibility and is supported by the Affidavit of Kevin D. Balkwill, Disciplinary Counsel.

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

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

1. Elizabeth Catherine Velasquez is hereby temporarily suspended from the practice of law as provided in Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.3.
2. Elizabeth Catherine Velasquez shall comply with Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9 in all respects and particularly as provided in Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 28, regarding the responsibilities of suspended attorneys.
3. Elizabeth Catherine Velasquez may make application for dissolution or modification of this Order as provided in Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.3.
4. The Board of Professional Responsibility shall cause notice of this suspension of Elizabeth Catherine Velasquez to be published as required by Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 28.11.

PER CURIAM