## IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE AT NASHVILLE

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Clerk of the Appellate Courts

## IN RE: MELVIN JACOB WERNER BPR #015909

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

**No. M2021-01395-SC-BAR-BP** BOPR No. 2021-3202-2-JB-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 Melvin Jacob Werner 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 Affidavits of Alyssa Iseman, Complainant and Joseph K Byrd, Disciplinary Counsel. Mr. Werner filed a response in opposition to the Petition, and the Board of Professional Responsibility filed a reply to the response.

Based upon the Petition, the supporting Affidavits, the response, and the reply, the Court finds that Melvin Jacob Werner, Respondent, misappropriated funds and poses a threat of substantial harm to the public as detailed by the Affidavits of the Complainant and Disciplinary Counsel.

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

- 1. Melvin Jacob Werner is hereby temporarily suspended from the practice of law as provided in Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.3.
- 2. Melvin Jacob Werner 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. Melvin Jacob Werner 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 Melvin Jacob Werner to be published as required by Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 28.11.