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KNOXVILLE LAWYER SUMMARILY AND TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED

On December 6, 2000, the Supreme Court of Tennessee issued an order summarily and temporarily suspending Stanley R. Barnett's license to practice law, upon finding that Mr. Barnett had failed to respond to a summary of complaint filed against him. Section 4.3 of Supreme Court Rule 9 provides for immediate summary suspension of an attorney's license to practice law in cases of a failure to respond to a summary of complaint. Disciplinary Counsel filed a petition with the Supreme Court alleging that Mr. Barnett had failed to respond to the summary of complaint.

The December 6, 2000, order precludes Mr. Barnett from accepting any new cases effective January 6, 2000. Mr. Barnett may continue to represent existing clients for thirty days. Mr. Barnett must cease representing existing clients effective January 7, 2000. After January 7, 2000, Mr. Barnett shall not use any indicia of lawyer, legal assistant, or law clerk, etc., nor maintain a presence where the practice of law is conducted.

The order requires Mr. Barnett to notify by registered or certified mail 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. Barnett 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. Barnett may for good cause request dissolution or modification of this suspension by petition to the Supreme Court.

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