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COLUMBIA LAWYER TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED

On January 13, 2005, the Supreme Court of Tennessee issued an order summarily and temporarily suspending Michael E. Gilmer's license to practice law, upon finding that Mr. Gilmer had failed to answer to the Board of Professional Responsibility regarding two complaints of misconduct. Section 4.3 of Supreme Court Rule 9 provides for the immediate summary suspension of an attorney's license to practice law in cases of failing to respond to the Board of Professional Responsibility. Disciplinary Counsel filed a petition with the Supreme Court alleging that Mr. Gilmer had failed to respond to the Board regarding two complaints.

The January 13, 2005 order precludes Mr. Gilmer from accepting any new cases effective January 13, 2005. Mr. Gilmer must cease representing existing clients effective February 12, 2005. After February 12, 2005, Mr. Gilmer shall not use any indicia of lawyer, legal assistant, or law clerk nor maintain a presence where the practice of law is conducted.

The order requires Mr. Gilmer 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. Gilmer 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. Gilmer may for good cause request dissolution or modification of the suspension by petition to the Supreme Court.

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