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HAWKINS COUNTY LAWYER SUSPENDED

On September 14, 2012, the Tennessee Supreme Court temporarily suspended the law license of John Douglas Godbee, a Rogersville attorney, pursuant to Section 4.3 of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, finding that Mr. Godbee poses a threat of substantial harm to the public. The Board of Professional Responsibility petitioned the Court to temporarily suspend Mr. Godbee's license to practice law because the Supreme Court reinstated Mr. Godbee by Order dated February 28, 2012, subject to Mr. Godbee's full compliance with his Tennessee Lawyers Assistance Program (TLAP) monitoring agreement. On August 8, 2012, TLAP discharged Mr. Godbee from his monitoring agreement. Mr. Godbee's non-compliance with the Supreme Court's Order reinstating him poses a threat of substantial harm to the public. Mr. Godbee was previously temporarily suspended by the Supreme Court on August 6, 2012, and that suspension has not been dissolved.

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