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GEORGIA LAWYER TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED

On March 6, 2012, the Supreme Court of Tennessee issued an Order summarily and temporarily suspending James A. Meaney from the practice of law in Tennessee upon finding that Mr. Meaney has failed to respond to the Board regarding a complaint 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 an attorney=s failure to respond to the Board regarding a complaint of misconduct.

Effective March 7, 2012, Mr. Meaney is precluded from accepting any new cases and he must cease representing existing clients by April 7, 2012. After April 7, 2012, Mr. Meaney shall not use any indicia of lawyer, legal assistant, or law clerk nor maintain a presence where the practice of law is conducted.

Mr. Meaney must notify 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. Meaney 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. Meaney may for good cause request dissolution or modification of the suspension by petition to the Supreme Court.

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