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AT NASHVILLE

IN RE: COVID-19 PANDEMIC

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ORDER CONTINUING SUSPENSION OF BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY'S PROCEEDINGS AND EXTENDING DEADLINES

On March 27, 2020, the Tennessee Supreme Court entered an Order suspending the Board of Professional Responsibility's proceedings and extending deadlines through April 30, 2020. In light of ongoing concerns, the Tennessee Supreme Court hereby continues the suspension of the Board of Professional Responsibility's proceedings and the extension of deadlines as set forth below:

1. The Board of Professional Responsibility remains open and shall continue to provide services, while balancing the health and safety of Board staff, Board members, volunteer Hearing Committee Members, respondent attorneys and the public.

2. Board of Professional Responsibility in-person formal proceedings are suspended through May 31, 2020; by agreement, such proceedings may be conducted during the period of suspension by telephone, video, teleconferencing, or other means that do not involve in-person contact. This order expressly encourages and does not prohibit proceeding with matters that can be resolved without in-person proceedings.

3. At the discretion of the Board, Disciplinary Counsel may proceed in accordance with Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9 regarding emergency matters, such as Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9 section 12.3, that arise during the COVID-19 crisis.

4. Time periods and deadlines set forth in Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Sections 10.4 (bar cards); 10.5 and 10.6 (non-payment delinquency notices, fees and suspension) and Rule 43 section 15 (IOLTA delinquency notices, fees and suspension), are extended through May 31, 2020.

This order is intended to be interpreted broadly for protection of the public from risks associated with COVID-19. It is so ORDERED.

PER CURIAM