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IN THE TENNESSEE COURT OF THE JUDICIARY

IN RE: RICHARD R. BAUMGARTNER

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Docket No. M2011-00104-CJ-CJ0-CJ

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File No. 11-4450

**ORDER OF INTERIM SUSPENSION**

It appearing to the Court that Richard R Baumgartner, formerly the Judge of Division I of the Criminal Court for the Sixth Judicial District, Knoxville, Knox County, Tennessee, was charged and entered a plea of guilty to an information charging him with Official Misconduct pursuant to T.C.A 39-16-402(a)(2), a felony on March 10<sup>th</sup> 2011, in the Criminal Court of Knox, County, Tennessee.

It further appearing that T.C.A. 17-5-304(f) provides that upon the filing of an information charging a judge with a felony under the law of any state or under federal law, the Court of the Judiciary may immediately place the judge on suspension.

**It is therefore Ordered, adjudged and decreed,** that on recommendation of Disciplinary Counsel, Richard R. Baumgartner is immediately placed on interim suspension, until further order of this Court, and is prohibited during the term of this suspension, from exercising any judicial power, including any power conferred by T.C.A. 17-1-304 pertaining to powers after vacation of office.

This Order has been reviewed by all members of the Court and by a majority vote, the Presiding Judge is hereby granted the authority to sign this Order on their behalf.

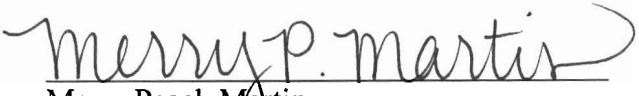
IT IS SO ORDERED, this 28 day of March, 2011.



DON R. ASH  
PRESIDING JUDGE

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that I have served a copy of the forgoing by U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, upon Mr. Ralph E. Harwell, Attorney at Law, 2131 First Tennessee Plaza, Knoxville, Tennessee 37929, as the attorney for Richard R. Baumgartner, and upon Timothy R. Discenza, Disciplinary Counsel for the Tennessee Court of the Judiciary, P.O. Box 3088, Memphis, Tennessee 38173, this 28<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2011.

  
Merry Peach Martin  
Judicial Assistant to Judge Don R. Ash,  
Presiding Judge