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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: HOWARD BROWNLOW BARNWELL, NO. 868
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CHATTANOOGA LAWYER TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED BY
SUPREME COURT

By Order of the Supreme Court of Tennessee filed June 11, 2004, Howard Brownlow Barnwell's license to practice law was temporarily suspended, pursuant to Rules of the Supreme Court of Tennessee, upon a finding that Mr. Barnwell had failed to respond to the Board of Professional Responsibility concerning a complaint of misconduct.

The June 11, 2004, Order precludes Mr. Barnwell from accepting any new cases effective June 11, 2004. Mr. Barnwell may continue to represent existing clients for thirty days. Mr. Barnwell must cease representing all clients effective July 11, 2004. After July 11, 2004, Mr. Barnwell shall not use any indicia of lawyer, legal assistant, or law clerk, etc., nor maintain a presence where the practice of law is conducted.

The Order requires Mr. Barnwell 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. Barnwell to deliver to all clients any papers or property to which they are entitled.

Mr. Barnwell may for good cause request dissolution or modification of this suspension by petition to the Supreme Court. This suspension remains in effect until dissolution or modification by the Supreme Court.