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**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**  
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**BOLIVAR ATTORNEY SUSPENDED FROM PRACTICE OF LAW**

John Carlin Mask, Jr., a Bolivar attorney, has been temporarily suspended from the practice of law in this State by the Supreme Court entered March 31, 2004. The Court suspended Mask based upon a petition filed by the Board of Professional Responsibility alleging that he poses a substantial threat of harm to the public, by practicing law under a CLE suspension since January 8, 1997 and by cashing a client's check for court cost and not filing the lawsuit.

This suspension was issued pursuant to Section 4.3 of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9. Mask is precluded from accepting any new clients after May 1, 2004. After May 1, 2004, Mask shall furthermore not use any indicia of lawyer, legal assistant or law clerk, nor maintain a presence where the practice of law is conducted.

Section 18 of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9 requires Mask to notify by registered or certified mail all clients being represented in pending matters; all co-counsel or opposing counsel of the Supreme Court's order suspending him. Section 18 also requires Mask to deliver to all clients any papers or properties to which they are entitled.

This suspension shall remain in effect until it is dissolved or amended by order of the Supreme Court of Tennessee.

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