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**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**  
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July 17, 2012

**MURFREESBORO LAWYER TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED**

On July 13, 2012, the Supreme Court of Tennessee issued an Order summarily and temporarily suspending Derek A. Artrip from the practice of law upon finding that Mr. Artrip 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 July 14, 2012, Mr. Artrip is precluded from accepting any new cases and he must cease representing existing clients by August 13, 2012. After August 13, 2012, Mr. Artrip shall not use any indicia of lawyer, legal assistant, or law clerk nor maintain a presence where the practice of law is conducted.

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

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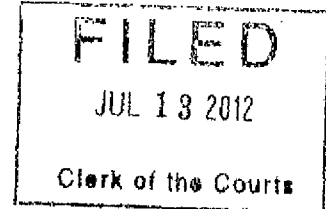
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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE  
AT NASHVILLE

In re: **DEREK A. ARTRIP, BPR #26784**  
An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee  
(Rutherford County)

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No. M2012-01410-SC-BPR-BP  
BOPR No. 2012-2138-4-KH(4.3)  
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**ORDER OF TEMPORARY SUSPENSION**

This matter is before the Court on a Petition of the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Supreme Court of Tennessee, by and through Disciplinary Counsel, for the temporary suspension of Derek A. Artrip from the practice of law, pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 4.3. The Petition has been authorized by the Chair of the Board of Professional Responsibility and is supported by the affidavit of Preston Shipp, Disciplinary Counsel.

Based upon the Petition and the supporting Affidavit, the Court finds that Derek A. Artrip has failed to respond to an initial complaint from the Board of Professional Responsibility concerning a complaint of misconduct and has failed to respond to Disciplinary Counsel's request for additional information.

It is therefore, ordered, adjudged, and decreed by the Court that:

1. Derek A. Artrip is hereby temporarily suspended from the practice of law as provided in Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 4.3.
2. Derek A. Artrip shall comply with Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9 in all respects, and particularly as provided in Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 18.
3. Derek A. Artrip may make application for dissolution or modification of this Order as provided in Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 4.3.
4. The Board of Professional Responsibility shall cause notice of this suspension of Derek A. Artrip to be published as required by Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 18.10.

FOR THE COURT:

  
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WILLIAM C. KOCH, JR., JUSTICE