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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: WESLEY MARKLAND BAKER, BPR# 4660
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September 29, 2010

KNOXVILLE LAWYER TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED

On September 24, 2010, the Tennessee Supreme Court temporarily suspended the law license of Wesley Markland Baker, a Knoxville attorney, pursuant to Section 4.3 of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9. The Board of Professional Responsibility petitioned the Court to temporarily suspend Mr. Baker's law license because of his failure to respond to the Board concerning a Request for Additional Information.

Pursuant to Rule 9, Section 4.3, Mr. Baker cannot accept new clients or undertake any new representation. He may represent existing clients for 30 days, after which he cannot represent them. Mr. Baker may file an application with the Tennessee Supreme Court requesting a dissolution or modification of the temporary suspension order. If he makes such an application, a hearing to consider whether the suspension should be continued, modified or dissolved will be conducted before a panel consisting of two members of the Board and one Hearing Committee member from Knox County.

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IN RE: WESLEY MARKLAND BAKER, BPR #4660

An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in
Tennessee (Knox County)

No. M2010-02009-SC-BPR-BP
BOPR No. 2010-1974-2-RS(4.3)

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 Wesley Markland Baker, from the practice of law, pursuant to Section 4.3 of Supreme Court Rule 9. 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 Wesley Markland Baker, Respondent, has failed to respond to the Board of Professional Responsibility concerning a Request for Additional Information.

It is therefore, **ORDERED, ADJUDGED** and **DECREED** by the Court that:

1. Wesley Markland Baker is hereby temporarily suspended from the practice of law as provided in Section 4.3 of Supreme Court Rule 9.
2. Wesley Markland Baker shall comply with Supreme Court Rule 9 in all respects, and particularly as provided in Section 18.
3. Wesley Markland Baker may make application for dissolution or modification of this Order as provided in Supreme Court Rule 9.

4. The Board of Professional Responsibility shall cause notice of this suspension of Wesley Markland Baker to be published as required by Supreme Court Rule 9.

FOR THE COURT:

Cornelia A. Clark.
CORNELIA A. CLARK
CHIEF JUSTICE

Michael W. Catalano, Clerk, hereby certify that this is a true and exact copy of the original

filed in the cause.
This 24 day of Sept, 2010
CLERK OF COURT

By: Michael W. Catalano