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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
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SHELBY COUNTY LAWYER TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED

On December 8, 2010, the Tennessee Supreme Court temporarily suspended the law license of Michael B. Barber, a Shelby County attorney, pursuant to Section 4.3 of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9. The Board of Professional Responsibility petitioned the Court to temporarily suspend Mr. Barber's law license because of Mr. Barber's failure to respond to the Board concerning a complaint of misconduct.

Pursuant to Rule 9, Section 4.3, Mr. Barber cannot accept new clients or undertake any new representation. He may represent existing clients for 30 days, after which he cannot represent them. Mr. Barber 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 Shelby County.

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IN RE: MICHAEL B. BARBER, BPR #25885
An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee
(Wilson County)

APPELLATE COURT CLERK
NASHVILLE

No. M2010-02502-SC-BPR-BP
BOPR No. 2010-1996-9-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 Michael B. Barber 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 Kevin D. Balkwill, Disciplinary Counsel.

Based upon the Petition and the supporting Affidavit, the Court finds that Michael B. Barber, Respondent, has failed to respond to the Board of Professional Responsibility concerning a complaint of misconduct.

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

1. Michael B. Barber is hereby temporarily suspended from the practice of law as provided in Section 4.3 of Supreme Court Rule 9.
2. Michael B. Barber shall comply with Supreme Court Rule 9 in all respects, and particularly as provided in Section 18.
3. Michael B. Barber 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 Michael B. Barber to be published as required by Supreme Court Rule 9.

FOR THE COURT:

Cornelia A. Clark
CORNELIA A. CLARK
CHIEF JUSTICE

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... v. ... Clerk, hereby certify that
this is a true and exact copy of the original
filed in the cause.
This 8 day of Dec., 2010
by: [Signature] CLERK OF COURT D.C.