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**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**  
**RE: CHRISTOPHER WAYNE BARBER, BPR #20607**  
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**BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY**  
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December 12, 2013

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY LAWYER SUSPENDED**

On December 9, 2013, Christopher Wayne Barber formerly of Clarksville, Tennessee, was suspended from the practice of law by Order of the Tennessee Supreme Court for three (3) years. Pursuant to the Order of Enforcement, two (2) years of the suspension shall be served as an active suspension, and the remaining year shall be served on probation subject to certain conditions including engagement of a practice monitor. Mr. Barber is required to pay restitution in the amount of \$2,500.00 and the cost and expense of the disciplinary proceedings. Mr. Barber is required to contact Tennessee Lawyers Assistance Program (TLAP), pay all outstanding Professional Privilege Taxes and complete all Continuing Legal Education (CLE) requirements.

The Board of Professional Responsibility filed a Petition for Discipline against Christopher Wayne Barber on January 4, 2013. The Hearing Panel determined that Mr. Barber practiced law while suspended and failed to notify his client of his suspension as required by Rule 9, Sections 18 and 32.5 and withdraw as attorney of record. The Hearing Panel further found Mr. Barber failed repeatedly to respond to his client regarding the status of the case and failed to respond to the Petition for Discipline.

The Hearing Panel found Mr. Barber violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.3 (diligence), 1.4 (communication), 1.16 (declining or terminating representation), 5.5 (unauthorized practice of law), 3.3(h) (candor toward the tribunal), 8.1(b) (bar admission and disciplinary matters), and 8.4(a)(c)(d) and (g) (misconduct).

Mr. Barber must comply with the requirements of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Sections 18 and 19, regarding the obligations and responsibilities of suspended attorneys.

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