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**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**  
**DONRUA BARNES-HULSEY, BPR #19437**  
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March 25, 2011

**CLARKSVILLE LAWYER TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED**

On March 22, 2011, the Supreme Court of Tennessee issued an Order summarily and temporarily suspending Donrue Barnes-Hulsey from the practice of law upon finding that Ms. Barnes-Hulsey 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 March 22, 2011, Ms. Barnes-Hulsey is precluded from accepting any new cases and she must cease representing existing clients by April 21, 2011. After April 21, 2011, Ms. Barnes-Hulsey shall not use any indicia of lawyer, legal assistant, or law clerk nor maintain a presence where the practice of law is conducted.

Ms. Barnes-Hulsey must notify all clients being represented in pending matters, as well as co-counsel and opposing counsel of the Supreme Court's Order suspending her law license. Section 18 of Supreme Court Rule 9 requires Ms. Barnes-Hulsey 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. Ms. Barnes-Hulsey may for good cause request dissolution or modification of the suspension by petition to the Supreme Court.

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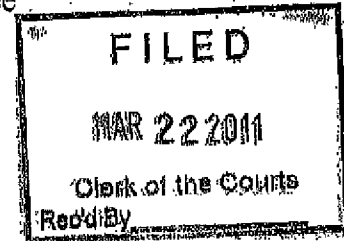
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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE  
AT NASHVILLE

IN RE: DONRUA BARNES-HULSEY, BPR #19437

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

No. M2011-00584-SC-BPR-BP  
BOPR No. 2011-2023-6-KB(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 Donrue Barnes-Hulsey 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 Donrue Barnes-Hulsey, Respondent, has failed to respond to Disciplinary Counsel's request for additional information from the Board of Professional Responsibility concerning a complaint of misconduct.

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

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

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

filed in the cause.

This 23 day of Mar, 2011  
CLERK OF COURT

By: [Signature] D.C.

FOR THE COURT:

Cornelia A. Clark  
CORNELIA A. CLARK  
CHIEF JUSTICE