<u>**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**</u>
<u>**RE: HOWARD BROWNLOW BARNWELL, NO. 868**</u>
<u>**CONTACT: JAMES A. VICK**</u>
<u>**BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY**</u>

February 5, 2003

<u>CHATTANOOGA LAWYER TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED BY SUPREME COURT</u>

By Order of the Supreme Court of Tennessee filed January 31, 2003, Howard Brownlow Barnwell's license to practice law was temporarily suspended, pursuant to Rules of the Supreme Court of Tennessee, upon a finding that Mr. Barnwell had failed to respond to the Board of Professional Responsibility concerning a complaint of misconduct.

The January 31, 2003, Order precludes Mr. Barnwell from accepting any new cases effective January 31, 2003. Mr. Barnwell may continue to represent existing clients for thirty days. Mr. Barnwell must cease representing all clients effective March 2, 2003. After March 2, 2003, Mr. Barnwell shall not use any indicia of lawyer, legal assistant, or law clerk, etc., nor maintain a presence where the practice of law is conducted.

The Order requires Mr. Barnwell to notify by registered or certified mail 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. Barnwell to deliver to all clients any papers or property to which they are entitled.

Mr. Barnwell may for good cause request dissolution or modification of this suspension by petition to the Supreme Court. This suspension remains in effect until dissolution or modification by the Supreme Court.

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