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LAWRENCEBURG ATTORNEY TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED

On April 22, 2010, the Tennessee Supreme Court temporarily suspended the law license of Charles Matthew Bates, a Lawrenceburg attorney, pursuant to Section 4.3 of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9. The Board of Professional Responsibility petitioned the Court to temporarily suspend Bates' law license because of Bates' failure to respond to a complaint of ethical misconduct.

Pursuant to Rule 9, Section 4.3, Bates cannot accept new clients or undertake any new representation. He may represent existing clients for 30 days, after which he cannot represent them. Bates 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 Disciplinary District 6.

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