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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: CHARLES MATTHEW BATES, BPR# 20609
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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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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE

IN RE: CHARLES MATTHEW BATES, BPR #20609

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

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No. M2010-00845-SC-BPR-BP

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

FOR THE COURT:

Cornelia A. Clark
CORNELIA A. CLARK
JUSTICE

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

Order
filed in the cause.
This 22 day of April, 2010
By James Clark p.c.
CLERK OF COURT