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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: CHARLES MATTHEW BATES, BPR# 20609
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June 11, 2010

LAWRENCE COUNTY LAWYER REINSTATED BY SUPREME COURT

Charles Matthew Bates, a Lawrence County attorney, has been reinstated to the practice of law by Order of the Tennessee Supreme Court entered on June 3, 2010. Mr. Bates was temporarily suspended from the practice of law by Order of the Supreme Court on April 22, 2010, for failing to respond to a complaint of misconduct. On May 7, 2010, Mr. Bates filed a Petition for Dissolution of Order of Temporary Suspension. On May 25, 2010, a Hearing Panel of the Board of Professional Responsibility recommended that the temporary suspension be dissolved. The temporary suspension was dissolved pursuant to the Supreme Court's Order of June 3, 2010.

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE

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IN RE: CHARLES MATTHEW BATES, BPR #20609

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

No. M2010-00865-SC-BPR-BP
BOPR No. 2010-1921-6-RS(4.3)

ORDER

This matter is before the Court on a Petition for Dissolution of Temporary Suspension filed by the Petitioner, Charles M. Bates, on May 7, 2010; a response to the Petition for Dissolution of Temporary Suspension filed by the Board of Professional Responsibility on May 12, 2010; this Court's Order referring this matter to the Board of Professional Responsibility entered on May 13, 2010; the Order Recommending Dissolution of Temporary Suspension entered by the Hearing Panel of the Board of Professional Responsibility on May 25, 2010; and upon the entire record in this cause.

From all of which the Court approves the recommendation of the Hearing Panel.

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

1. The Order Recommending Dissolution of Temporary Suspension of the Hearing Panel is approved and entered for enforcement by this Court.
2. The Order of Temporary Suspension entered on April 22, 2010 is hereby dissolved.
3. Pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 24.3, the Respondent shall pay to the Board of Professional Responsibility the expenses and costs of this matter in the amount of \$241.67, and in addition, shall pay to the Clerk of this Court the costs incurred herein, within ninety (90) days from the entry of this order, for all of which execution may issue if necessary.

4. The Board of Professional Responsibility shall cause notice of this discipline to be published as required by Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 18.10.

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 5 day of Dec, 2010

By: [Signature]
CLERK OF COURT