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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: KEITH ALAN BLACK, BPR #18546
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BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY
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November 8, 2016

HAMILTON COUNTY LAWYER TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED

Effective November 8, 2016, the Supreme Court of Tennessee temporarily suspended Keith Alan Black from the practice of law for failing to respond to the Board regarding complaints of misconduct. Section 12.3 of Supreme Court Rule 9 provides for the immediate temporary 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.

Mr. Black is immediately precluded from accepting any new cases and must cease representing existing clients before December 9, 2016. Thereafter, Mr. Black shall not use any indicia of lawyer, legal assistant, or law clerk nor maintain a presence where the practice of law is conducted.

Mr. Black must notify 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. Mr. Black is required 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. Mr. Black may for good cause request dissolution or modification of the suspension by petition to the Supreme Court.

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE

IN RE: KEITH ALAN BLACK, BPR #18546

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

No. M2016-02243-SC-BAR-BP
BOPR No. 2016-2651-3-AW(12.3)

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 Keith Alan Black from the practice of law, pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.3. The Petition has been authorized by the Chair of the Board of Professional Responsibility and is supported by the Affidavit of Steven J. Christopher, Disciplinary Counsel.

Based upon the Petition and the supporting Affidavit, the Court finds Keith Alan Black, Respondent, failed to respond to the Board of Professional Responsibility concerning a complaint of misconduct.

IT IS THEREFORE, CONSIDERED, ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED BY THE COURT THAT:

1. Keith Alan Black is hereby temporarily suspended from the practice of law as provided in Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.3.
2. Keith Alan Black shall comply with Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9 in all respects and particularly as provided in Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 28, regarding the responsibilities of suspended attorneys.
3. Keith Alan Black may make application for dissolution or modification of this Order as provided in Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.3.
4. The Board of Professional Responsibility shall cause notice of this suspension to be published as required by Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 28.11.

PER CURIAM