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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: SPENCE ROBERT BRUNER, BPR# 19056
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HARRIMAN LAWYER SUSPENDED

On March 25, 2011, the Tennessee Supreme Court temporarily suspended the law license of Spence Roberts Bruner, a Roane County attorney, pursuant to Section 4.3 of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9. The Board of Professional Responsibility petitioned the Court to temporarily suspend Mr. Bruner's law license because of his failure to comply with his Tennessee Lawyers Assistance Program (TLAP) Monitoring Agreement.

Effective March 25, 2011, Mr. Bruner cannot accept new clients or undertake any new representation. He may represent existing clients for thirty (30) days, after which he cannot represent existing clients or use any indicia of lawyer or maintain a presence where the practice of law is conducted unless the temporary suspension has been dissolved.

Mr. Bruner 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. Section 18 of Supreme Court Rule 9 requires Mr. Bruner 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. Bruner may for good cause request dissolution or modification of the suspension by petition to the Supreme Court.

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AT NASHVILLE

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IN RE: SPENCE ROBERTS BRUNER, BPR NO. 19056
An Attorney Licensed To Practice Law In Tennessee
(Roane County)

BOPR No. 2011-2026-2-SG(4.3)
No. MA2011-00624-SC-BPR-BP

ORDER OF TEMPORARY SUSPENSION

This matter is before the Court upon a Petition of the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Supreme Court of Tennessee, by and through Disciplinary Counsel, for the temporary suspension of Spence Roberts Bruner, 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 Ted Rice, Deputy Director of Tennessee Lawyers Assistance Program (TLAP).

Based upon the Petition and supporting Affidavit, the Court finds that Spence Roberts Bruner, Respondent, has failed to substantially comply with his TLAP Monitoring Agreement.

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

1. That Spence Roberts Bruner is hereby temporarily suspended from the practice of law as provided in Section 4.3 of Supreme Court Rule 9.
2. That Spence Roberts Bruner comply with Supreme Court Rule 9 in all respects, and particularly as provided in Section 18.
3. That Spence Roberts Bruner may make application for dissolution or modification of this Order as provided in Supreme Court Rule 9.
4. That the Board of Professional Responsibility shall cause notice of this suspension of Spence Roberts Bruner, to be published as required by Supreme Court Rule 9.

FOR THE COURT:

Cornelia A. Clark
CORNELIA A. CLARK, CHIEF JUSTICE

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

Filed in the cause.

This 25 day of March, 2011
CLERK OF COURT

By: [Signature] D.C.