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**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**  
**RE: SPENCE ROBERTS BRUNER, BPR #19056**  
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**BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY**  
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February 20, 2014

**ROANE COUNTY LAWYER TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED**

On February 19, 2014, the Supreme Court of Tennessee temporarily suspended Spence Roberts Bruner from the practice of law upon finding that Mr. Bruner has failed to respond to the Board regarding a complaint of misconduct. Section 4.3 of Supreme Court Rule 9 provides for the immediate summary 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. Bruner is currently suspended by the Supreme Court of Tennessee by Order entered January 31, 2014, and shall comply with the requirements of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 18, regarding the obligations and responsibilities of suspended attorneys.

The Order of Temporary Suspension shall remain 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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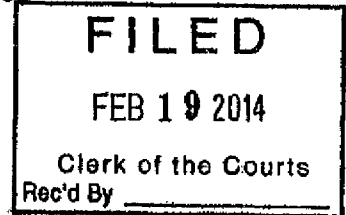
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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE  
AT NASHVILLE

**IN RE: SPENCE ROBERTS BRUNER, BPR #019056**

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

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No. M2014-00287-SC-BAR-BP  
BOPR No. 2014-2297-2-AW(4.3)  
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**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 Spence Roberts Bruner from the practice of law, pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 4.3.<sup>1</sup> The Petition has been authorized by the Chair of the Board of Professional Responsibility and is supported by the affidavit of Eileen Burkhalter Smith, Disciplinary Counsel.

Based upon the Petition and the supporting Affidavit, the Court finds that Spence Roberts Bruner, 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. Spence Roberts Bruner is hereby temporarily suspended from the practice of law as provided in Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 4.3.
2. Spence Roberts Bruner shall comply with Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9 in all respects and particularly as provided in Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 18.
3. Spence Roberts Bruner may make application for dissolution or modification of this Order as provided in Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 4.3.
4. The Board of Professional Responsibility shall cause notice of this suspension of Spence Roberts Bruner to be published as required by Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 18.10.

FOR THE COURT:

Cornelia A. Clark  
CORNELIA A. CLARK, JUSTICE

<sup>1</sup>Because this case was initiated prior to January 1, 2014, it is governed by the pre-2014 version of Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9.