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**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**  
**RE: JAMES DOUGLAS BUSCH, BPR #24090**  
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February 1, 2017

**KNOX COUNTY LAWYER TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED**

On February 1, 2017, the Supreme Court of Tennessee temporarily suspended James Douglas Busch from the practice of law upon finding that Mr. Busch poses a threat of substantial harm to the public. Section 12.3 of Supreme Court Rule 9 provides for the immediate summary suspension of an attorney's license to practice law if an attorney poses a threat of substantial harm to the public.

Mr. Busch is immediately precluded from accepting any new cases, and he must cease representing existing clients by March 3, 2017. After March 3, 2017, Mr. Busch shall not use any indicia of lawyer, legal assistant, or law clerk nor maintain a presence where the practice of law is conducted.

Mr. Busch 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. Busch 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. Busch 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: JAMES DOUGLAS BUSCH, BPR #24090**

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

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**No. M2016-00207-SC-BAR-BP**  
BOPR No. 2017-2675-2-WM-12.3

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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 James Douglas Busch 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 Kevin Balkwill, Disciplinary Counsel.

Based upon the Petition and the supporting Affidavit, the Court finds that James Douglas Busch, Respondent, poses a threat of substantial harm to the public as evidenced by his apparent abandonment of his practice as detailed by the Affidavit of Disciplinary Counsel Sandy Garrett.

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

1. James Douglas Busch is hereby temporarily suspended from the practice of law as provided in Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.3.
2. James Douglas Busch 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. James Douglas Busch 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 of James Douglas Busch to be published as required by Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 28.11.

PER CURIAM