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**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**  
**RE: LARRY D. CANTRELL, BPR #9921**  
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**BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY**  
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February 8, 2017

**McMINN COUNTY LAWYER TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED**

On February 7, 2017, the Supreme Court of Tennessee temporarily suspended Larry D. Cantrell from the practice of law upon finding that Mr. Cantrell 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 in such cases.

Effective February 7, 2017, Mr. Cantrell is precluded from accepting any new cases, and he must cease representing existing clients by March 9, 2017. After March 9, 2017, Mr. Cantrell shall not use any indicia of lawyer, legal assistant, or law clerk nor maintain a presence where the practice of law is conducted.

Mr. Cantrell 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. Cantrell 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. Cantrell 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: LARRY D. CANTRELL, BPR #9921**  
An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee  
(McMinn County)

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**No. M2017-00259-SC-BAR-BP**  
BOPR No. 2017-2679-3-AJ-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 Larry D. Cantrell 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 Eileen Burkhalter Smith, Disciplinary Counsel.

Based upon the Petition and the supporting Affidavit, the Court finds that Larry D. Cantrell, Respondent, poses a threat of substantial harm to the public as evidenced by his significant errors in management of a charitable trust in the capacity of Trustee that resulted in his indictment for violation of Tenn. Code Ann. § 39-14-103 (Theft of Property) and Tenn. Code Ann. § 39-16-503(a)(2) (Tampering with or Fabricating Evidence), his attempt to surrender his law license as a result of the events surrounding his trusteeship of the funds in the trust, his misstatement under oath in a Personal Representative's Quitclaim Deed that all the debts of the estate have been paid and the overdraft of his IOLTA bank account as detailed by the Affidavit of Disciplinary Counsel.

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

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

PER CURIAM