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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
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## TENNESSEE LAWYER TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED

On September 7, 2018, the Supreme Court of Tennessee temporarily suspended the law license of Jonathan Stephen Carlton of Nortonville, Kentucky from the practice of law upon finding Mr. Carlton failed to respond to the Board regarding a complaint of misconduct. Section 12.3 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.

Jonathan Stephen Carlton is immediately precluded from accepting any new cases, and he must cease representing existing clients by October 7, 2018. After October 7, 2018, Mr. Carlton shall not use any indicia of lawyer, legal assistant, or law clerk nor maintain a presence where the practice of law is conducted.

Jonathan Stephen Carlton must notify all clients being represented in pending matters, as well as cocounsel and opposing counsel of the Supreme Court's Order suspending his law license. Mr. Carlton is required to deliver to all clients any papers or property to which they are entitled.

Mr. Carlton must comply with the requirements of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Sections 28 and 12.3(d), regarding the obligations and responsibilities of temporarily suspended attorneys and the procedure for reinstatement.

This suspension remains in effect until dissolution or modification by the Supreme Court. Jonathan Stephen Carlton may for good cause request dissolution or modification of the suspension by petition to the Supreme Court.

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