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**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**  
**RE: JONATHAN STEPHEN CARLTON, BPR #029768**  
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**BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY**  
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September 7, 2018

**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 co-counsel 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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AT NASHVILLE

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**IN RE: JONATHAN STEPHEN CARLTON, BPR #029768**

An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee  
(Nortonville, Kentucky)

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**No. M2018-01620-SC-BAR-BP**  
BOPR No. 2018-2909-5-12.3

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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 Jonathan Stephen Carlton 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 Jonathan Stephen Carlton, failed to respond to the Board of Professional Responsibility concerning a complaint of misconduct.

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

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

PER CURIAM