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**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**  
**RE: CHARLES ALPHONSO CARPENTER, BPR# 16429**  
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December 16, 2009

**MARYVILLE LAWYER TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED**

On December 8, 2009, the Supreme Court of Tennessee temporarily suspended the law license of Charles Alphonso Carpenter, of Maryville, Tennessee, pursuant to Section 4.3 of Rule 9 of the Rules of the Tennessee Supreme Court. The Board of Professional Responsibility petitioned the Court to temporarily suspend Charles Alphonso Carpenter's law license because he failed to respond to a disciplinary complaint of ethical misconduct.

Effective December 8, 2009, Mr. Carpenter is precluded from accepting any new cases and he must cease representing existing clients by January 8, 2010. After January 8, 2010, Mr. Carpenter shall not use any indicia of lawyer, legal assistant, or law clerk nor maintain a presence where the practice of law is conducted. Mr. Carpenter 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. Section 18 of Supreme Court Rule 9 requires Mr. Carpenter 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. Carpenter may for good cause request dissolution or modification of the suspension by petition to the Supreme Court.

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