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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: ROBERT THOMAS CARTER, BPR #013185
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TULLAHOMA LAWYER SUSPENDED

On July 21, 2010, the Tennessee Supreme Court temporarily suspended the law license of Robert Thomas Carter, a Tullahoma attorney, pursuant to Section 4.3 of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9. The Board of Professional Responsibility petitioned the Court to temporarily suspend Mr. Carter's law license because of his failure to substantially comply with his Tennessee Lawyers Assistance Program (TLAP) Monitoring Agreement.

Pursuant to Rule 9, Section 4.3, Mr. Carter cannot accept new clients or undertake any new representation. He may represent existing clients for thirty (30) days, after which he cannot represent them unless the temporary suspension has been dissolved. Mr. Carter may file an application with the Tennessee Supreme Court requesting a dissolution or modification of the temporary suspension order. If he makes such an application, a hearing to consider whether the suspension should be continued, modified or dissolved will be conducted before a panel consisting of members of the Board of Professional Responsibility.

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IN RE: ROBERT THOMAS CARTER, BPR NO. 013185
An Attorney Licensed To Practice Law In Tennessee
(Coffee County)

Clerk of the Courts

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BOPR No. 2010-1945-4-SG4.3) – Filed: July 21, 2010

ORDER OF TEMPORARY SUSPENSION

This matter is before the Court upon a Petition of the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Supreme Court of Tennessee, by and through Disciplinary Counsel, for the temporary suspension of Robert Thomas Carter, from the practice of law, pursuant to Section 4.3 of Supreme Court Rule 9. The Petition has been authorized by the Chair of the Board of Professional Responsibility and is supported by the affidavit of Laura Gatrell, Executive Director of Tennessee Lawyers Assistance Program (TLAP).

Based upon the Petition and the supporting Affidavit, the Court finds that Robert Thomas Carter, Respondent, has failed to substantially comply with his TLAP Monitoring Agreement.

It is, therefore, **ORDERED, ADJUDGED** and **DECREED** by the Court:

1. That Robert Thomas Carter is hereby temporarily suspended from the practice of law as provided in Section 4.3 of Supreme Court Rule 9.
2. That Robert Thomas Carter shall comply with Supreme Court Rule 9 in all respects, and particularly as provided in Section 18.
3. That Robert Thomas Carter may make application for dissolution or modification of this Order as provided in Supreme Court Rule 9.
4. That the Board of Professional Responsibility shall cause notice of this suspension of Robert Thomas Carter, to be published as required by Supreme Court Rule 9.

PER CURIAM

Michael W. Catalano, Clerk, hereby certify that this is a true and exact copy of the original

filed in the cause.

This 21 day of July, 2010

CLERK OF COURT

By: 