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COVINGTON LAWYER TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED

On December 3, 2009, the Supreme Court of Tennessee issued an Order summarily and temporarily suspending Richard D. Cartwright from the practice of law upon finding that Mr. Cartwright has failed to substantially comply with a contract entered into with the Tennessee Lawyer's Assistance Program ("TLAP"). Section 4.3 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 substantially comply with TLAP.

Mr. Cartwright is also serving a suspension related to a prior disciplinary matter. Mr. Cartwright may not use any indicia of lawyer, legal assistant, or law clerk nor maintain a presence where the practice of law is conducted.

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

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