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**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**  
**RE: JAY NELSON CHAMNESS, BPR #016027**  
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**BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY**  
**615-361-7500**

February 23, 2022

**WILLIAMSON COUNTY LAWYER PLACED ON DISABILITY INACTIVE STATUS**

By Order of the Tennessee Supreme Court entered February 23, 2022, the law license of Jay Nelson Chamness was transferred to disability inactive status pursuant to Section 27.3 of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9.

Mr. Chamness cannot practice law while on disability inactive status. He may return to the practice of law after reinstatement by the Tennessee Supreme Court upon showing that his disability has been removed in accordance with Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 27.7.

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE  
AT NASHVILLE

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**IN RE: JAY NELSON CHAMNESS, BPR #016027**  
An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee  
(Williamson County)

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**No. M2022-00177-SC-BAR-BP**

BOPR No. 2022-3226-6-AW-27

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**ORDER TRANSFERRING ATTORNEY TO  
DISABILITY INACTIVE STATUS**

This matter is before the Court upon a petition to transfer Jay Nelson Chamness to disability inactive status filed by the Tennessee Board of Professional Responsibility pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 27.4.

Upon due consideration of documentation from Mr. Chamness' medical provider, the Court concludes Mr. Chamness is currently incapacitated from continuing the practice of law and unable to respond to or defend against any pending disciplinary matter.

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

1. The law license of Jay Nelson Chamness shall be transferred to disability inactive status for an indefinite period of time and until further order of the Supreme Court. In addition, any pending disciplinary matter shall be stayed until further order of this Court.

2. Mr. Chamness shall be allowed to petition for reinstatement to active status pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 27.7.

3. The Board shall publish notice of this transfer pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, §§ 27.5 and 28.11.

4. Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 32.4, documents other than this Order relating to Mr. Chamness' disability proceeding shall not be public records and shall be kept confidential.

PER CURIAM