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**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**  
**RE: CHARLES MICHAEL CLIFFORD, BPR #1544**  
**CONTACT: ALAN D. JOHNSON**  
**BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY**  
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March 10, 2016

**BLOUNT COUNTY LAWYER TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED**

On March 9, 2016, the Supreme Court of Tennessee temporarily suspended Charles Michael Clifford from the practice of law upon finding that Mr. Clifford failed to respond to the Board regarding a complaint of misconduct. Section 12.3 of Supreme Court Rule 9 provides for the immediate temporary 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.

Mr. Clifford is immediately precluded from accepting any new cases, and he must cease representing existing clients by April 8, 2016. After April 8, 2016, Mr. Clifford shall not use any indicia of lawyer, legal assistant, or law clerk nor maintain a presence where the practice of law is conducted.

Mr. Clifford 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. Clifford is required to deliver to all clients any papers or property to which they are entitled.

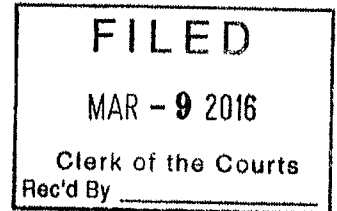
This suspension remains in effect until dissolution or modification by the Supreme Court. Mr. Clifford may for good cause request dissolution or modification of the suspension by petition to the Supreme Court.

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE  
AT NASHVILLE

**IN RE: CHARLES MICHAEL CLIFFORD, BPR #001544**  
An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee  
(Blount County)

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**No. M2016-00471-SC-BAR-BP**  
**BOPR No. 2016-2565-2-AJ(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 Charles Michael Clifford 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 Charles Michael Clifford, Respondent, has 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. Charles Michael Clifford is hereby temporarily suspended from the practice of law as provided in Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.3.
2. Charles Michael Clifford 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. Charles Michael Clifford 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 of Charles Michael Clifford to be published as required by Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 28.11.

PER CURIAM