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**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**  
**RE: R. W. HARDISON, BPR #9479**  
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August 29, 2017

**WILLIAMSON COUNTY LAWYER TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED**

Effective August 29, 2017, the Supreme Court of Tennessee temporarily suspended R. W. Hardison from the practice of law upon finding that Mr. Hardison misappropriated funds for his own use and poses a threat of substantial harm to the public. Section 12.3 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 misappropriation of funds.

Mr. Hardison is immediately precluded from accepting any new cases and must cease representing existing clients by September 28, 2017. After September 28, 2017, Mr. Hardison shall not use any indicia of lawyer, legal assistant, or law clerk nor maintain a presence where the practice of law is conducted.

Mr. Hardison 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. Hardison 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. Hardison 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

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**IN RE: R. W. HARDISON, BPR #009479**  
An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee  
(Williamson County)

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**No. M2017-01703-SC-BAR-BP**  
BOPR No. 2017-2674-6-AW-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 R. W. Hardison 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 Steven J. Christopher, Disciplinary Counsel.

Based upon the Petition and the supporting Affidavit, the Court finds that R. W. Hardison, Respondent, has misappropriated funds and poses a threat of substantial harm to the public as detailed by the Affidavit of Disciplinary Counsel.

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

1. R. W. Hardison is hereby temporarily suspended from the practice of law as provided in Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.3.
2. R. W. Hardison 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. R. W. Hardison 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 R. W. Hardison to be published as required by Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 28.11.

PER CURIAM