

## BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY OF THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE

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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
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## SULLIVAN COUNTY LAWYER SUSPENDED

On August 18, 2017, the Tennessee Supreme Court suspended Don W. Cooper from the practice of law until further orders of the Court pursuant to Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 22.3. Mr. Cooper was suspended based upon entering "best interest" pleas to ten counts of a serious crime; i.e., theft.

Mr. Cooper was previously disbarred by the Supreme Court on February 23, 2017. The Supreme Court ordered the Board to institute a new formal proceeding to determine the extent of final discipline to be imposed as a result of Mr. Cooper's pleas.

Mr. Cooper must comply with Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 28, regarding the obligations and responsibilities of suspended attorneys.

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