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**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**  
**RE: JAMES CARL COPE, BPR #3340**  
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**RUTHERFORD COUNTY ATTORNEY SUSPENDED**

On October 25, 2016, the Tennessee Supreme Court suspended James Carl Cope from the practice of law until further orders of the Court pursuant to Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 22.3.

Mr. Cope was suspended based upon his plea of guilty to the serious crime of insider trading in violation of Title 15, Unites States Code, Section 78j(b) and Title 17, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 240.10b-5.

The Supreme Court ordered the Board of Professional Responsibility to institute a formal proceeding to determine the extent of final discipline to be imposed as a result of Mr. Cope's guilty plea.

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

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