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**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**  
**RE: THOMAS E. COWAN, JR., BPR# 2026**  
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March 8, 2010

**CARTER COUNTY LAWYER SUSPENDED**

On March 1, 2010, the Tennessee Supreme Court suspended the law license of Thomas E. Cowan, Jr. pursuant to Section 14 of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9. The Court suspended Cowan's law license in light of Cowan's plea of guilty to a serious crime, to wit: willful attempt to defeat or evade the payment of taxes, in violation of 26 U.S.C. 7201.

The Supreme Court further 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 the conviction. Mr. Cowan was ordered to fully comply with the provisions of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 18, which require, in part, the notification of all clients by registered or certified mail, all co-counsel, all opposing counsel and opposing parties without counsel of the Supreme Court's order suspending him. Section 18 also requires that Mr. Cowan deliver to all clients any papers or property to which they are entitled.

This suspension shall remain in effect until it is dissolved or amended by order of the Supreme Court of Tennessee.

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