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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: THOMAS E. COWAN, JR., BPR# 2026
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BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY
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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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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE

IN RE: THOMAS E. COWAN, JR., BPR #2026
An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee
(Carter County)

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Clerk of the Courts

NO. M2010-00457-SC-BPO-BP

BOPR No. 2010-1900-1-KH(14)

ORDER

This matter is before the Court pursuant to Section 14 of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9 upon a certificate filed by Disciplinary Counsel for the Board of Professional Responsibility consisting of a certified copy of a Plea entered in the United States District Court, Eastern District of Tennessee, No. 3:09-CR-37-KSF (attached hereto as Exhibit A), demonstrating that on September 25, 2009, Thomas E. Cowan, Jr., a Tennessee attorney, pled guilty to a charge involving a serious crime, to wit: willful attempt to defeat or evade the payment of taxes, in violation of 26 U.S.C. 7201.

It is, therefore, **ORDERED**, pursuant to Section 14 of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, that Thomas E. Cowan, Jr., is suspended from the practice of law on this date pending further orders of this Court.

It is further **ORDERED** that this matter be referred to the Board of Professional Responsibility for the institution of a formal proceeding in which the sole issue to be determined shall be the extent of the final discipline to be imposed as a result of the conviction.

It is further **ORDERED** that Thomas E. Cowan, Jr., shall fully comply with the provisions of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 18, concerning disbarred or suspended attorneys.

FOR THE COURT:

Cornelia A. Clark
CORNELIA A. CLARK
JUSTICE

I, _____, Clerk, hereby certify that
this is a true and exact copy of the original

filed in the cause.
This 1st day of March, 2010
CLERK OF COURT

By: [Signature] D.C.