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## HAMBLEN COUNTY LAWYER TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED

On October 27, 2017, the Supreme Court of Tennessee temporarily suspended Richard Dale Darby from the practice of law for posing a threat of substantial harm to the public. Section 12.3 of Supreme Court Rule 9 provides for the immediate temporary suspension of an attorney's license to practice law in cases where the attorney's conduct poses a threat of substantial harm to the public.

Mr. Darby is immediately precluded from accepting any new cases, and he must cease representing existing clients by November 26, 2017. Thereafter, Mr. Darby shall not use any indicia of lawyer, legal assistant, or law clerk nor maintain a presence where the practice of law is conducted.

Mr. Darby 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. Darby 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. Darby may for good cause request dissolution or modification of the suspension by petition to the Supreme Court.

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