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**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**  
**RE: RICHARD DALE DARBY, BPR #28787**  
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**BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY**  
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October 27, 2017

**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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**IN RE: RICHARD DALE DARBY, BPR #28787**  
An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee  
(Hamblen County)

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**No. M2017-02134-SC-BAR-BP**  
BOPR No. 2017-2778-1-KH-12.3

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**ORDER OF TEMPORARY SUSPENSION**

This matter is before the Court on a Petition of the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Supreme Court of Tennessee, by and through Disciplinary Counsel, for the temporary suspension of Richard Dale Darby from the practice of law, pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.3. The Petition has been authorized by the Chair of the Board of Professional Responsibility and is supported by the Affidavit of Kevin D. Balkwill, Disciplinary Counsel; and Susan Cordova, Complainant.

Based upon the Petition and the supporting Affidavits, the Court finds that Richard Dale Darby, Respondent, poses a threat of substantial harm to the public as detailed by the Affidavits.

IT IS THEREFORE, CONSIDERED, ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED BY THE COURT THAT:

1. Richard Dale Darby is hereby temporarily suspended from the practice of law as provided in Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.3.
2. Richard Dale Darby shall comply with Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9 in all respects and particularly as provided in Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 28, regarding the responsibilities of suspended attorneys.
3. Richard Dale Darby may make application for dissolution or modification of this Order as provided in Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.3.
4. The Board of Professional Responsibility shall cause notice of this suspension of Richard Dale Darby to be published as required by Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 28.11.

PER CURIAM