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**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**  
**RE: CHARLES DAVID DEAS, BPR #002049**  
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**BLOUNT COUNTY LAWYER TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED**

On October 8, 2020, the Supreme Court of Tennessee temporarily suspended Charles David Deas from the practice of law and ordered him to contact Tennessee Lawyers Assistance Program within ten (10) days of the entry of the order for evaluation. Based upon the information provided by the Circuit and General Sessions Courts of Blount County, Tennessee, the Court found Mr. Deas posed a threat of substantial harm to the public, and a substantial concern had been raised regarding his ability to currently practice law. Section 12.3 of Supreme Court Rule 9 provides for the immediate summary suspension of an attorney's license to practice law in cases where an attorney poses a threat of substantial harm to the public.

Mr. Deas is immediately precluded from accepting any new cases, and he must cease representing existing clients by November 8, 2020. After November 8, 2020, Mr. Deas shall not use any indicia of lawyer, legal assistant, or law clerk nor maintain a presence where the practice of law is conducted. Mr. Deas 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 and shall 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. Deas may for good cause request dissolution or modification of the suspension by petition to the Supreme Court.

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