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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: CHARLES DAVID DEAS, BPR #002049
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BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY
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October 9, 2020

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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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE



IN RE: CHARLES DAVID DEAS, BPR #002049
An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee
(Blount County)

No. M2020-01376-SC-BAR-BP
BOPR No. 2020-3129-2-AW-12.3

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 Charles David Deas from the practice of law, pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.3 or the transfer to disability inactive status Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 27.3. The Petition was authorized by the Chair of the Board of Professional Responsibility and is supported by the information reported by the Circuit and General Sessions Courts of Blount County, Tennessee.

Based upon the Petition, the Court finds Charles David Deas poses a threat of substantial harm to the public as detailed by the information set forth in Exhibit 1. The Court further finds that the information provided raises a substantial concern regarding Mr. Deas' current ability to practice of law.

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

1. Charles David Deas is hereby temporarily suspended from the practice of law as provided in Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.3. Mr. Deas shall, within ten (10) days of the entry of this order, contact the Tennessee Lawyers Assistance Program (TLAP) and submit to an evaluation by TLAP or its designee for the purpose of assessing his current physical or mental condition and its impact upon his ability to practice law. The results of any assessment shall be made available to the Board.

2. Charles David Deas shall comply with Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9 in all respects and particularly as provided in Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, §§ 28 and 30.

3. Charles David Deas 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 Charles David Deas to be published as required by Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 28.11.

PER CURIAM

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FILED

10/12/2020

Clerk of the
Appellate Courts

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AMENDED ORDER OF TEMPORARY SUSPENSION

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Based upon the Petition, the Court finds Charles David Deas poses a threat of substantial harm to the public as detailed by the information set forth in the Board's October 1, 2020 petition and exhibit filed in this matter as well as the supplemental declaration of General Sessions Judge William R. Brewer, Jr., and the affidavit of General Mike Flynn, District Attorney General for the Fifth Judicial District of the State of Tennessee, both filed by the Board on October 6, 2020. The Court further finds that the information provided raises a substantial concern regarding Mr. Deas' current ability to practice of law.

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PER CURIAM