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**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**  
**RE: JOHN MARTIN DRAKE, BPR #30532**  
**CONTACT: A. RUSSELL WILLIS**  
**BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY**  
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February 18, 2016

**DAVIDSON COUNTY LAWYER TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED**

On February 16, 2016, the Supreme Court of Tennessee temporarily suspended John Martin Drake from the practice of law upon finding Mr. Drake failed to respond to the Board regarding a complaint of misconduct. Section 12.3 of Supreme Court Rule 9 provides for the immediate summary suspension of an attorney's license to practice law in cases of an attorney's failure to respond to the Board regarding a complaint of misconduct.

Mr. Drake is immediately precluded from accepting any new case and must cease representing existing clients by March 18, 2016. As of March 18, 2016, Mr. Drake shall not use any indicia of lawyer, legal assistant, or law clerk nor maintain a presence where the practice of law is conducted.

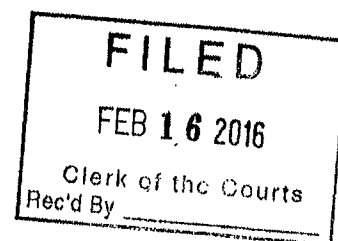
Mr. Drake must notify all clients being represented in pending matters, as well as co-counsel and opposing counsel of the Supreme Court's Order suspending his law license. Mr. Drake is required to deliver to all clients any papers or property to which they are entitled.

This suspension is immediate and remains in effect until dissolution or modification by the Supreme Court. Mr. Drake 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: JOHN MARTIN DRAKE, BPR #30532**  
An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee  
(Davidson County)



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No. M2016-00306-SC-BAR-BP  
BOPR No. 2016-2546-5-AW(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 John Martin Drake 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 Preston Shipp, Disciplinary Counsel.

Based upon the Petition and the supporting Affidavit, the Court finds that John Martin Drake failed to respond to the Board of Professional Responsibility concerning a complaint of misconduct.

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

1. John Martin Drake is hereby temporarily suspended from the practice of law as provided in Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.3.
2. John Martin Drake 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. John Martin Drake 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 John Martin Drake to be published as required by Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 28.11.

PER CURIAM