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**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**  
**RE: JOHN MARTIN DRAKE, BPR #30532**  
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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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