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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: SHELLY R. FEARS, BPR #008973
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TENNESSEE LAWYER PLACED ON DISABILITY INACTIVE STATUS

By Order of the Tennessee Supreme Court entered February 7, 2020, the law license of Shelly R. Fears of Louisville, Kentucky was transferred to disability inactive status pursuant to Section 27.3 of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9.

Ms. Fears cannot practice law while on disability inactive status. She may return to the practice of law after reinstatement by the Tennessee Supreme Court upon showing of clear and convincing evidence that the disability has been removed and she is fit to resume the practice of law.

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
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IN RE: SHELLY R. FEARS, BPR #008973
An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee
(Louisville, Kentucky)

No. M2020-00204-SC-BAR-BP
BOPR No. 2020-3069-0-AW-27

**ORDER TRANSFERRING ATTORNEY TO
DISABILITY INACTIVE STATUS**

This matter is before the Court upon a petition to transfer Shelly R. Fears to disability inactive status filed by the Tennessee Board of Professional Responsibility pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 27.3.

Upon due consideration of documentation from Ms. Fears and her medical provider, the Court concludes that Shelly R. Fears is currently incapacitated from continuing the practice of law.

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

1. The law license of Shelly R. Fears shall be transferred to disability inactive status for an indefinite period of time and until further order of the Supreme Court.
2. Ms. Fears shall be allowed to petition for reinstatement to active status pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 27.7.
3. The Board shall publish notice of this transfer pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, §§ 27.5 and 28.11.
4. Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 32.4, documents other than this Order relating to Ms. Fears' disability proceeding shall not be public records and shall be kept confidential.

PER CURIAM