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**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**  
**RE: JOHN HARLEY FOWLER, BPR #001831**  
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January 2, 2019

**KNOX COUNTY LAWYER TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED**

On January 2, 2019, the Supreme Court of Tennessee temporarily suspended John Harley Fowler from the practice of law upon finding Mr. Fowler failed to respond to the Board regarding complaints of misconduct and posed a threat of substantial harm to the public. 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 or posing a threat of substantial harm to the public.

Mr. Fowler is immediately precluded from accepting any new cases, and he must cease representing existing clients by February 1, 2019. After February 1, 2019, Mr. Fowler shall not use any indicia of lawyer, legal assistant, or law clerk nor maintain a presence where the practice of law is conducted.

Mr. Fowler 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. Fowler is required to 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. Fowler may for good cause request dissolution or modification of the suspension by petition to the Supreme Court.