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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: JOHN HARLEY FOWLER, BPR #001831
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BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY
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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.

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE

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IN RE: JOHN HARLEY FOWLER, BPR #001831
An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee
(Knox County)

No. M2018-02279-SC-BAR-BP
BOPR No. 2018-2951-2-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 John Harley Fowler 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 Eileen Burkhalter Smith, Disciplinary Counsel, and the Affidavits of Tammy Gilliam and Katherine Jenkins.

Based upon the Petition and the supporting Affidavits, the Court finds John Harley Fowler, Respondent, failed to respond to the Board of Professional Responsibility regarding two complaints of misconduct and poses a threat of substantial harm to the public.

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

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

PER CURIAM