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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: JOHN DOUGLAS GODBEE, BPR #006234
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January 24, 2012

HAWKINS COUNTY LAWYER SUSPENDED

On January 24, 2012, the Tennessee Supreme Court temporarily suspended the law license of John Douglas Godbee, a Rogersville attorney, pursuant to Section 4.3 of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9. The Board of Professional Responsibility petitioned the Court to temporarily suspend Mr. Godbee's law license because of his failure to substantially comply with his Tennessee Lawyers Assistance Program (TLAP) Monitoring Agreement.

Pursuant to Rule 9, Section 4.3, Mr. Godbee cannot accept new clients or undertake any new representation. He may represent existing clients for thirty (30) days, after which he cannot represent them unless the temporary suspension has been dissolved. Mr. Godbee may file an application with the Tennessee Supreme Court requesting a dissolution or modification of the temporary suspension order. If he makes such an application, a hearing to reconsider whether the suspension should be continued, modified or dissolved will be conducted before a panel consisting of members of the Board of Professional Responsibility.

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE

IN RE JOHN DOUGLAS GODBEE, BPR NO. 006234
An Attorney Licensed To Practice Law In Tennessee
(Hawkins County)

FILED
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Clerk of the Courts

No. M2012-00130-SC-BPR-BP
BOPR No. 2012-2100-1-SG(4.3)

ORDER OF TEMPORARY SUSPENSION

This matter is before the Court upon 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 Douglas Godbee, from the practice of law, pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 4.3. The Petition has been authorized by the Chair of the Board of Professional Responsibility and is supported by the affidavit of Ted Rice, Deputy Director of Tennessee Lawyers Assistance Program (TLAP).

Based upon the Petition and the supporting Affidavit, the Court finds that John Douglas Godbee, Respondent, has failed to substantially comply with his TLAP Monitoring Agreement.

It is, therefore, ordered, adjudged and decreed by the Court:

1. That John Douglas Godbee is hereby temporarily suspended from the practice of law as provided in Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 4.3.
2. That John Douglas Godbee comply with Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9 in all respects, and particularly as provided in § 18.
3. That John Douglas Godbee may make application for dissolution or modification of this Order as provided in Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 4.3.
4. That the Board of Professional Responsibility shall cause notice of this suspension of John Douglas Godbee, to be published as required by Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 18.

FOR THE COURT:

Michael W. Catalano, Clerk, hereby certify that
this is a true and exact copy of the original

Filed in the cause.
This 24 day of Jan, 20 12
By: Michael W. Catalano
CLERK OF COURT
D.C.

William C. Koch, Jr.
WILLIAM C. KOCH, JR., JUSTICE