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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: JOHN DOUGLAS GODBEE, BPR #6234
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HAWKINS COUNTY LAWYER SUSPENDED

On August 6, 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 he poses a threat of substantial harm to the public. The Court granted the Board's Petition.

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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