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**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**  
**RE: WILLIAM CALDWELL HANCOCK, BPR #5312**  
**CONTACT: ALAN D. JOHNSON**  
**BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY**  
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October 10, 2016

**NASHVILLE LAWYER TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED**

On October 10, 2016, William Caldwell Hancock, of Nashville, Tennessee, was temporarily suspended from the practice of law by Order of the Tennessee Supreme Court upon finding that Mr. Hancock has failed to comply with the Court's Order entered June 24, 2016, directing that he contact Tennessee Lawyers Assistant Program for an evaluation to determine his capacity to practice law and his capacity to respond to or defend against a pending Petition for Discipline. The Court's June 24, 2016 Order expressly provided that failure by Mr. Hancock to comply with the order may serve as the basis for temporary suspension pursuant to Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 12.3.

This temporary suspension is in addition to the one (1) year suspension from the practice of law ordered by the Supreme Court on January 15, 2016, that Mr. Hancock is currently serving.

This temporary suspension remains in effect until dissolution or modification by the Supreme Court. Mr. Hancock may for good cause request dissolution or modification of the suspension by petition to the Supreme Court.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE  
AT NASHVILLE

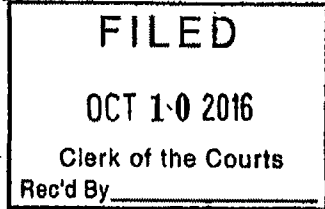
**IN RE: WILLIAM CALDWELL HANCOCK, BPR #005312**

An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee  
(Davidson County)

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**No. M2016-02027-SC-BAR-BP**  
**BOPR 2016-2639-5-AJ(12.3)**

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**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 William Caldwell Hancock 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 Laura McClendon, Executive Director of the Tennessee Lawyers Assistance Program (TLAP).

Based upon the Petition and the supporting Affidavit, the Court finds that William Caldwell Hancock, Respondent, has failed to comply with this Court's Order entered on June 24, 2016, (Docket No. M2016-02175-SC-BAR-BP) directing that within ten (days) of entry of the order he contact TLAP for an evaluation to determine his capacity to practice law and his capacity to respond to or defend against the pending Petition for Discipline as detailed by the Affidavit of Laura McClendon.

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

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

PER CURIAM