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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
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WILLIAMSON COUNTY LAWYER TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED

Effective August 29, 2017, the Supreme Court of Tennessee temporarily suspended R. W. Hardison from the practice of law upon finding that Mr. Hardison misappropriated funds for his own use and poses 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 misappropriation of funds.

Mr. Hardison is immediately precluded from accepting any new cases and must cease representing existing clients by September 28, 2017. After September 28, 2017, Mr. Hardison shall not use any indicia of lawyer, legal assistant, or law clerk nor maintain a presence where the practice of law is conducted.

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

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