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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: JAMES NATHAN HARGIS, BPR #035171
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PUTNAM COUNTY LAWYER TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED

On April 13, 2026, the Supreme Court of Tennessee temporarily suspended James Nathan Hargis from the practice of law upon finding that Mr. Hargis misappropriated client and third-party funds and poses a threat of substantial harm to the public. Section 12.3(a) of Supreme Court Rule 9 provides for the immediate suspension of an attorney's license to practice law in cases where an attorney misappropriates funds to the attorney's own use or otherwise poses a threat of substantial harm to the public.

Mr. Hargis is immediately precluded from accepting any new cases, and he must cease representing existing clients by May 13, 2026. After May 13, 2026, Mr. Hargis shall not use any indicia of lawyer, legal assistant, or law clerk nor maintain a presence wherein the practice of law is conducted. Mr. Hargis 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 and is required to deliver to all clients any papers or property to which they are entitled.

Mr. Hargis must comply with the requirements of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Sections 28 and 12.3(d), regarding the obligations and responsibilities of temporarily suspended attorneys and the procedure for reinstatement.

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