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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: DAVID DWAYNE HARRIS, BPR #032607
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BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY
615-361-7500

October 27, 2021

DAVIDSON COUNTY LAWYER TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED

On October 27, 2021, the Supreme Court of Tennessee temporarily suspended David Dwayne Harris from the practice of law upon finding that Mr. Harris failed to respond to the Board of Professional Responsibility regarding a complaint. 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 failure to respond to the Board.

Mr. Harris is immediately precluded from accepting any new cases and shall cease representing existing clients by November 26, 2021. After November 26, 2021, Mr. Harris shall not use any indicia of lawyer, legal assistant, or law clerk nor maintain a presence where the practice of law is conducted.

Mr. Harris shall 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 including, but not limited to; notifying all clients, co-counsel and opposing counsel in pending matters of the Order of Temporary Suspension entered by the Supreme Court's Order and delivering 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. Harris may for good cause request dissolution or modification of the suspension by petition to the Supreme Court.

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE AT NASHVILLE

In Re: DAVID DWAYNE HARRIS, BPR #032607

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

No. M2021-01272-SC-BAR-BP BOPR No. 2021-3206- 5-AW-12.3

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 David Dwayne Harris 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 Eileen Burkhalter Smith, Disciplinary Counsel.

Based upon the Petition and the supporting Affidavit, the Court finds David Dwayne Harris, Respondent, failed to respond to the Board of Professional Responsibility concerning a complaint of misconduct.

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

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

PER CURIAM