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**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**  
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September 29, 2010

**TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF MEMPHIS LAWYER REMOVED;**  
**DISCIPLINARY SUSPENSION REMAINS IN EFFECT**

On September 24, 2010, the Supreme Court of Tennessee issued an order dissolving the temporary suspension of King Bethel Harris. Mr. Harris was summarily and temporarily suspended for failure to respond to a disciplinary complaint on May 27, 2010. Section 4.3 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 regarding a complaint of misconduct.

Although the temporary suspension has been dissolved, Mr. Harris is also serving a suspension based upon a prior disciplinary matter. To date, Mr. Harris has not requested, nor has he been granted, reinstatement to the practice of law from that prior disciplinary matter.

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE  
AT NASHVILLE

IN RE: KING BETHEL HARRIS, III., BPR NO. 23282  
An Attorney Licensed To Practice Law In Tennessee  
(St. Louis, Missouri)

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No. M2010-01143-SC-BPR-BP

BOPR No. 2010-1935-9-KH(4.3)

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**ORDER**

On May 27, 2010, the Court entered an Order of Temporary Suspension suspending King Bethel Harris, III pursuant to Section 4.3 of Supreme Court Rule 9 due to Mr. Harris' failure to respond to the Board of Professional Responsibility concerning a request for specific information regarding a complaint of misconduct, File No. 32975-9-KH. On July 2, 2010, Mr. Harris filed a Petition for Dissolution of Temporary Suspension pursuant to Section 4.3 of Supreme Court Rule 9.

On August 25, 2010, a hearing was conducted before a Hearing Panel of the Board of Professional Responsibility. On September 7, 2010, the Hearing Panel entered its Order Recommending Dissolution of Temporary Suspension, recommending that the temporary suspension imposed by the Order of Temporary Suspension be dissolved. A copy of the Order Recommending Dissolution of Temporary Suspension of the 4.3 Hearing Panel is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

It is, therefore, **ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED** that:

1. The temporary suspension imposed upon King Bethel Harris by Order of Temporary Suspension filed May 27, 2010, is hereby dissolved.
2. However, by Order entered January 3, 2008, in Case No. M2007-00315-SC-BPR-BP, Mr. Harris was suspended from the practice of law for one (1) year based upon his conditional guilty plea to the violations charged. To date, Mr. Harris has not requested, nor been granted, reinstatement. Therefore, the entry of this Order does not affect the continuing validity of the prior disciplinary suspension.

3. Mr. Harris shall reimburse and pay to the Board of Professional Responsibility the costs and expenses of this proceeding in the amount of \$543.34 and, in addition, shall pay to the Clerk of this Court the costs incurred herein, for all of which execution shall issue, if necessary.

FOR THE COURT:

Cornelia A. Clark  
CORNELIA A. CLARK  
CHIEF JUSTICE

Michael W. Catalano, Clerk, hereby certify that this is a true and exact copy of the original filed in the cause.  
This 29 day of Sept., 2010  
CLERK OF COURT  
Michael W. Catalano D.C.