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PUTNAM COUNTY LAWYER TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED

On May 2, 2014, the Supreme Court of Tennessee temporarily suspended Samuel Joseph Harris from the practice of law upon finding that Mr. Harris has failed to respond to the Board regarding a complaint of misconduct. 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.

Effective May 2, 2014, Mr. Harris is precluded from accepting any new cases, and he must cease representing existing clients by June 1, 2014. After June 1, 2014, 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 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. Harris 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. Harris may for good cause request dissolution or modification of the suspension by petition to the Supreme Court.

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