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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: MATTHEW LEE HARRIS, BPR #030176
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COFFEE COUNTY LAWYER TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED

On April 17, 2024, the Supreme Court of Tennessee temporarily suspended Matthew Lee Harris from the practice of law upon finding that Mr. Harris is substantially non-compliant with his Tennessee Lawyer Assistance Program Monitoring Agreement. Section 12.3 of Supreme Court Rule 9 provides for the immediate summary suspension of an attorney's license to practice law in cases where an attorney has failed to substantially comply with the Tennessee Lawyer Assistance Program Monitoring Agreement.

Mr. Harris is immediately precluded from accepting any new cases, and he must cease representing existing clients by May 17, 2024. After May17, 2024, Mr. Harris shall not use any indicia of lawyer, legal assistant, or law clerk nor maintain a presence wherein 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 and is required to deliver to all clients any papers or property to which they are entitled.

Mr. Harris 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. Harris may, for good cause, request dissolution or modification of the suspension by petition to the Supreme Court. Harris 3394-4 rel.doc