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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: WESLEY LYNN HATMAKER, BPR #14880
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January 29, 2016

CAMPBELL COUNTY LAWYER TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED

On January 29, 2016, the Supreme Court of Tennessee temporarily suspended Wesley Lynn Hatmaker from the practice of law upon finding that Mr. Hatmaker has misappropriated funds and poses a threat of substantial harm to the public. 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 misappropriating funds and posing a substantial threat of harm to the public.

Mr. Hatmaker is immediately precluded from accepting any new cases, and he must cease representing existing clients by February 28, 2016. After February 28, 2016, Mr. Hatmaker shall not use any indicia of lawyer, legal assistant, or law clerk nor maintain a presence where the practice of law is conducted.

Mr. Hatmaker 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. Hatmaker 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. Hatmaker 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: WESLEY LYNN HATMAKER, BPR #14880
An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee
(Campbell County)

No. M2016-00191-SC-BAR-BP
BOPR No. 2016-2537-2-WM(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 Wesley Lynn Hatmaker 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 Sandy Garrett, Chief Disciplinary Counsel.

Based upon the Petition and the supporting Affidavit, the Court finds that Wesley Lynn Hatmaker, Respondent, has misappropriated funds and poses a threat of substantial harm to the public as detailed by the Affidavit of Disciplinary Counsel.

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

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

PER CURIAM