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**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**  
**IN RE: MARTIN LYNN HOWIE, BPR #14120**  
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February 11, 2011

**DYER COUNTY LAWYER TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED**

On February 8, 2011, the Supreme Court of Tennessee issued an Order summarily and temporarily suspending Martin Lynn Howie from the practice of law upon finding that Mr. Howie 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 February 8, 2011, Mr. Howie is precluded from accepting any new cases and he must cease representing existing clients by March 10, 2011. After March 10, 2011, Mr. Howie shall not use any indicia of lawyer, legal assistant, or law clerk nor maintain a presence where the practice of law is conducted.

Mr. Howie 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. Section 18 of Supreme Court Rule 9 requires Mr. Howie 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. Howie may for good cause request dissolution or modification of the suspension by petition to the Supreme Court.

Howie 2007-8 rel doc.

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