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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: MARY BELLE LANGFORD, BPR# 020169
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March 19, 2010

NASHVILLE LAWYER TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED

On March 10, 2010, the Tennessee Supreme Court temporarily suspended the law license of Mary Belle Langford, a Nashville attorney, pursuant to Section 4.3 of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9. The Board of Professional Responsibility petitioned the Court to temporarily suspend Langford's law license because of Langford's failure to respond to a complaint of ethical misconduct.

Pursuant to Rule 9, Section 4.3, Langford cannot accept new clients or undertake any new representation. She may represent existing clients for 30 days, after which she cannot represent them. Langford has filed an application with the Tennessee Supreme Court requesting a dissolution or modification of the temporary suspension order. A hearing to consider whether the suspension should be continued, modified or dissolved will be conducted before a panel consisting of two members of the Board and one Hearing Committee member from Davidson County.

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE

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MAR 10 2010
Clerk of the Courts

IN RE: MARY BELLE LANGFORD, BPR #20169
An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in
Tennessee (Davidson County)

No. M2010-00560-SC-BPR-BP
BOPR No. 2010-1907-5-RS(4.3)

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 Mary Belle Langford from the practice of law, pursuant to Section 4.3 of Supreme Court Rule 9. The Petition has been authorized by the Chair of the Board of Professional Responsibility and is supported by the affidavit of Kevin D. Balkwill, Disciplinary Counsel.

Based upon the Petition and the supporting Affidavit, the Court finds that Mary Belle Langford, Respondent, has failed to respond to the Board of Professional Responsibility concerning a complaint of misconduct.

It is therefore, **ORDERED, ADJUDGED** and **DECREED** by the Court that:

1. Mary Belle Langford is hereby temporarily suspended from the practice of law as provided in Section 4.3 of Supreme Court Rule 9.
2. Mary Belle Langford shall comply with Supreme Court Rule 9 in all respects, and particularly as provided in Section 18.
3. Mary Belle Langford may make application for dissolution or modification of this Order as provided in Supreme Court Rule 9.

4. The Board of Professional Responsibility shall cause notice of this suspension of Mary Belle Langford to be published as required by Supreme Court Rule 9.

FOR THE COURT:

Cornelia A. Clark
CORNELIA A. CLARK
JUSTICE

Michael W. Carrano, Clerk, hereby certify that this is a true and exact copy of the original

[Signature]
filed in the cause.
This 10 day of March, 2010
CLERK OF COURT

By: [Signature] D.C.