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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: MATTHEW FORT MAYO, BPR# 20872
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April 28, 2010

NASHVILLE LAWYER TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED

On April 22, 2010, the Tennessee Supreme Court temporarily suspended the law license of Matthew Fort Mayo, 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 Mayo's law license because of Mayo's failure to respond to a complaint of ethical misconduct.

Pursuant to Rule 9, Section 4.3, Mayo cannot accept new clients or undertake any new representation. He may represent existing clients for 30 days, after which he cannot represent them. Mayo may file an application with the Tennessee Supreme Court requesting a dissolution or modification of the temporary suspension order. If he makes such an application, 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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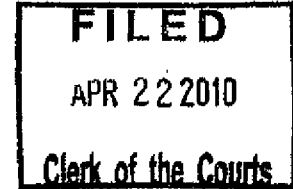
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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE

IN RE: MATTHEW FORT MAYO, BPR #20872

An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in
Tennessee (Davidson County)



BOPR No. 2010-1924-5-RS(4.3)

No. M2010-00864-SC-BAR-BP

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 Matthew Fort Mayo 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 Matthew Fort Mayo, 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. Matthew Fort Mayo is hereby temporarily suspended from the practice of law as provided in Section 4.3 of Supreme Court Rule 9.
2. Matthew Fort Mayo shall comply with Supreme Court Rule 9 in all respects, and particularly as provided in Section 18.
3. Matthew Fort Mayo 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 Matthew Fort Mayo to be published as required by Supreme Court Rule 9.

FOR THE COURT:

W. Catalano
I, *W. Catalano*, Clerk, hereby certify that
this is a true and exact copy of the original

filed in the cause.

This 22 day of April, 2010

CLERK OF COURT

By: *Kevin D. Balkwill* D.C.

Cornelia A. Clark
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JUSTICE