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**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**  
**MATTHEW FORT MAYO, BPR# 20872**  
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February 3, 2011

**NASHVILLE LAWYER TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED**

On January 31, 2011, the Supreme Court of Tennessee issued an Order summarily and temporarily suspending Matthew Fort Mayo from the practice of law upon finding that Mr. Mayo 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 1, 2011, Mr. Mayo is precluded from accepting any new cases and he must cease representing existing clients by March 2, 2011. After March 2, 2011, Mr. Mayo shall not use any indicia of lawyer, legal assistant, or law clerk nor maintain a presence where the practice of law is conducted.

Mr. Mayo 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. Mayo 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. Mayo may for good cause request dissolution or modification of the suspension by petition to the Supreme Court.

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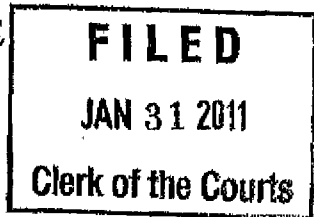
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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE  
AT NASHVILLE

IN RE: MATTHEW FORT MAYO, #20872  
An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee  
(Davidson County)



No. M2011-00231-SR-BPR-BP  
BOPR No. 2011-2006-5-KH(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 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:

Cornelia A. Cleary, Clerk, hereby certify the  
CORNELIA A. GILBERT and exact copy of the original  
CHIEF JUSTICE

Filed in the cause.  
This 31 day of Jan., 2011  
CLERK OF COURT  
By: [Signature]