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**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**  
**RE: JAMES D. McWILLIAMS, #024152**  
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\*March 19, 2013

**DAVIDSON COUNTY ATTORNEY SUSPENDED**

On March 19, 2013, the Tennessee Supreme Court suspended the law license of James D. McWilliams pursuant to Section 14 of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9. The Court suspended Mr. McWilliams' law license after he entered a best interest (Alford) plea to a serious crime, i.e. felony Child Abuse.

The Supreme Court further ordered the Board of Professional Responsibility to institute a formal proceeding to determine the extent of final discipline to be imposed as a result of the conviction. Mr. McWilliams was ordered to fully comply with the provisions of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, section 18, which requires, in part, withdrawal from representation and prohibits undertaking any new representation.

This suspension shall remain in effect until it is dissolved or amended by order of the Supreme Court of Tennessee.

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