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**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**  
**RE: JAMES D. McWILLIAMS, BPR #24152**  
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**BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY**  
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August 27, 2015

**GEORGIA LAWYER'S SUSPENSION DISSOLVED**

On March 19, 2013, James D. McWilliams, of Washington, Georgia, was summarily suspended by Order of the Tennessee Supreme Court after pleading guilty to a serious crime. He was placed on diversion pursuant to T.C.A. § 40-35-313. The matter was referred to the Board for filing a Petition for Final Discipline. Mr. McWilliams has successfully completed his probation and no conviction will result from his guilty plea. Therefore, the Board dismissed the Petition for Final Discipline and on August 25, 2015, the Supreme Court entered an Order dissolving the summary suspension. The Order is effective ten days after entry. Mr. McWilliams was on inactive status prior to the summary suspension and resumes inactive status.

Mr. McWilliams must pay the court costs within ninety days of the entry of the Order of Enforcement.

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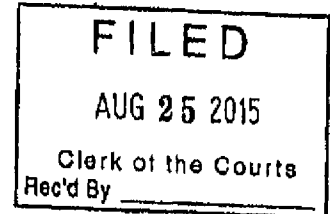
IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE  
AT NASHVILLE

**IN RE: JAMES D. MCWILLIAMS, BPR # 24152**  
An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee  
(Washington, Georgia)

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No. M2013-00701-SC-OT-BP  
BOPR NO. 2013-2195-0-KB(14)

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**ORDER**

This matter is before the Court upon the March 19, 2013 Order of Enforcement suspending the license of James D. McWilliams pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 14 (2006) and referring the matter to the Board of Professional Responsibility for the institution of formal proceedings to determine the extent of final discipline to be imposed; upon a Petition for Final Discipline filed against James D. McWilliams on April 23, 2013; upon a Notice of Voluntary Dismissal filed by the Board on April 6, 2015; upon an Order of April 20, 2015, dismissing the Petition for Final Discipline without prejudice; upon consideration and approval by the Board on April 27, 2015; and upon the entire record in this cause.<sup>1</sup>

From all of which the Court approves and adopts the Order of the Hearing Panel dismissing the Petition for Final Discipline without prejudice, and further finds that it is appropriate to dissolve the summary suspension imposed on March 19, 2013.

IT IS, THEREFORE, CONSIDERED, ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED BY THE COURT THAT:

- (1) The summary suspension imposed on March 19, 2013, pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 14 (2006) is dissolved.
- (2) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 18.5 (2006), this Order shall be effective ten (10) days after the date of entry.
- (3) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 24.3 (2006), Mr. McWilliams shall pay to the Clerk of this Court the costs incurred herein, within ninety (90) days of the entry of this Order, for all of which execution may issue if necessary.

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<sup>1</sup>Because this cause was initiated prior to January 1, 2014, it is governed by the pre-2014 version of Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9.

(4) The Board of Professional Responsibility shall cause notice of this Order to be published as required by Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 18.10 (2006).

PER CURIAM