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**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**  
**RE: WILLIAM NEWTON, BPR #006197**  
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**MEMPHIS LAWYER SUSPENDED**

On January 12, 2009, the Tennessee Supreme Court temporarily suspended the law license of William Newton, a Memphis Attorney, pursuant to Section 4.3 of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9. The Board of Professional Responsibility petitioned the Court to temporarily suspend Newton's law license because of Newton's failure to respond to a complaint of ethical misconduct.

Pursuant to Rule 9, Section 4.3, Newton cannot accept new clients or undertake any new representation. He may represent existing clients for 30 days, after which he cannot represent them. Newton 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 Shelby County.

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