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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: GREGORY SCOTT NORRIS, BPR #34373
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January 29, 2018

CARTER COUNTY LAWYER TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED

On January 26, 2018, the Supreme Court of Tennessee temporarily suspended Gregory Scott Norris from the practice of law upon finding that Mr. Norris poses a threat of substantial harm to the public. Section 12.3 of Supreme Court Rule 9 provides for the immediate summary suspension of an attorney's license to practice law if an attorney poses a threat of substantial harm to the public.

Mr. Norris is immediately precluded from accepting any new cases, and he must cease representing existing clients by February 28, 2018. After February 28, 2018, Mr. Norris shall not use any indicia of lawyer, legal assistant, or law clerk nor maintain a presence where the practice of law is conducted.

Mr. Norris 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. Mr. Norris is required to deliver to all clients any papers or property to which they are entitled.

Mr. Norris must comply with the requirements of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Sections 28 and 12.3(d), regarding the obligations and responsibilities of temporarily suspended attorneys and the procedure for reinstatement.

This suspension remains in effect until dissolution or modification by the Supreme Court. Mr. Norris may for good cause request dissolution or modification of the suspension by petition to the Supreme Court.

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE

IN RE: GREGORY SCOTT NORRIS, BPR #034373

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

No. M2018-00165-SC-BAR-BP

BOPR No. 2018-2819-1-AJ-12.3

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 Gregory Scott Norris from the practice of law, pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.3. The Petition has been authorized by the Chair of the Board of Professional Responsibility and is supported by the Affidavits of Dennis D. Brooks, Assistant District Attorney for the First Judicial District, and Melanie Sellers, Assistant District Public Defender for the First Judicial District.

Based upon the Petition and the supporting Affidavits, the Court finds that Gregory Scott Norris, Respondent, poses a threat of substantial harm to the public as evidenced by his failure to appear in court, the decline of his legal skills and his apparent drug use, as detailed by the Affidavits of Dennis D. Brooks and Melanie Sellers.

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

1. Gregory Scott Norris is hereby temporarily suspended from the practice of law as provided in Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.3.
2. Gregory Scott Norris shall comply with Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9 in all respects and particularly as provided in Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 28, regarding the responsibilities of suspended attorneys.
3. Gregory Scott Norris may make application for dissolution or modification of this Order as provided in Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.3.
4. The Board of Professional Responsibility shall cause notice of this suspension of Gregory Scott Norris to be published as required by Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 28.11.

PER CURIAM