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**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**  
**RE: JANET MONIQUE OKOYE, BPR #027923**  
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**BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY**  
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March 3, 2022

**TENNESSEE LAWYER TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED**

On March 3, 2022, the Supreme Court of Tennessee temporarily suspended Janet Monique Okoye from the practice of law upon finding that Ms. Okoye failed to respond to the Board of Professional Responsibility concerning three (3) complaints of misconduct. Section 12.3 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 a complaint of misconduct.

Ms. Okoye is immediately precluded from accepting any new cases, and she must cease representing existing clients by April 2, 2022. After April 2, 2022, Ms. Okoye shall not use any indicia of lawyer, legal assistant, or law clerk nor maintain a presence wherein the practice of law is conducted. Ms. Okoye must notify all clients being represented in pending matters, as well as co-counsel and opposing counsel of the Supreme Court's Order suspending her law license and is required to deliver to all clients any papers or property to which they are entitled.

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

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**IN RE: JANET MONIQUE OKOYE, BPR #027923**  
An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee  
(Birmingham, AL)

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**No. M2022-00269-SC-BAR-BP**  
BOPR No. 2022-3230-5-AW-12.3

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**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 Janet Monique Okoye 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 Affidavit of Diane M. Nisbet, Disciplinary Counsel.

Based upon the Petition and the supporting Affidavit, the Court finds that Janet Monique Okoye, Respondent, failed to respond to the Board of Professional Responsibility concerning three (3) complaints of misconduct.

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

1. Janet Monique Okoye is hereby temporarily suspended from the practice of law as provided in Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.3.
2. Janet Monique Okoye 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. Janet Monique Okoye may make an 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 Janet Monique Okoye to be published as required by Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 28.11.

PER CURIAM