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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
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## PUTNAM COUNTY LAWYER TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED

On January 21, 2016, the Supreme Court of Tennessee temporarily suspended John Philip Parsons from the practice of law upon finding Mr. Parsons misappropriated funds and posed 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 in cases of an attorney misappropriating funds and posing a substantial threat of harm to the public.

Mr. Parsons is immediately precluded from accepting any new cases and must cease representing existing clients by February 20, 2016. After February 20, 2016, Mr. Parsons shall not use any indicia of lawyer, legal assistant, or law clerk nor maintain a presence where the practice of law is conducted.

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

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

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