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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: JOHN RYAN POOLE, BPR #035782
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DAVIDSON COUNTY LAWYER TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED

On December 17, 2019, the Supreme Court of Tennessee temporarily suspended John Ryan Poole from the practice of law upon finding Mr. Poole failed to respond to the Board, misappropriated funds, and 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. Poole is immediately precluded from accepting any new cases, and he must cease representing existing clients by January 16, 2020. After January 16, 2020, Mr. Poole shall not use any indicia of lawyer, legal assistant, or law clerk nor maintain a presence where the practice of law is conducted.

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

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