

## BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY OF THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE

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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: KEITH ALLEN POPE, BPR #014146
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## KNOX COUNTY LAWYER TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED

On September 12, 2023, the Supreme Court of Tennessee temporarily suspended Keith Allen Pope from the practice of law upon finding that Mr. Pope is substantially non-compliant with a Tennessee Lawyers Assistance Program and poses a threat of substantial harm to the public. Section 12.3 of Supreme Court Rule 9 provides for the immediate temporary suspension of an attorney's license to practice law in cases where the attorney is substantially non-compliant with a Tennessee Lawyers Assistance Program monitoring agreement and/or poses a threat of substantial harm to the public.

Mr. Pope is immediately precluded from accepting any new cases, and he must cease representing existing clients by October 12, 2023. After October 12, 2023, Mr. Pope shall not use any indicia of lawyer, legal assistant, or law clerk nor maintain a presence wherein the practice of law is conducted. Mr. Pope 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, and is required to deliver to all clients any papers or property to which they are entitled.

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

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