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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
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KNOXVILLE LAWYER TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED

On September 22, 2010, the Supreme Court of Tennessee issued an Order summarily and temporarily suspending Bruce E. Poston from the practice of law upon finding that Mr. Poston has failed to respond to the Board regarding a complaint of misconduct. Section 4.3 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 the Board regarding a complaint of misconduct.

Effective September 22, 2010, Mr. Poston is precluded from accepting any new cases and he must cease representing existing clients by October 22, 2010. After October 22, 2010, Mr. Poston shall not use any indicia of lawyer, legal assistant, or law clerk nor maintain a presence where the practice of law is conducted.

Mr. Poston 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. Section 18 of Supreme Court Rule 9 requires Mr. Poston 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. Poston may for good cause request dissolution or modification of the suspension by petition to the Supreme Court.

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Clerk of the Courts

IN RE: BRUCE E. POSTON, BPR #17803
An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee
(Knox County)

No. M 2010-01982-SC-BPR-BP
BOPR No. 2010-1973-2-KH(4.3)

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 Bruce E. Poston, from the practice of law, pursuant to Section 4.3 of Supreme Court Rule 9. The Petition has been authorized by the Chair of the Board of Professional Responsibility and is supported by the affidavit of Preston Shipp, Disciplinary Counsel.

Based upon the Petition and the supporting Affidavit, the Court finds that Bruce E. Poston, Respondent, has failed to respond to the Board of Professional Responsibility concerning a complaint of misconduct.

It is therefore, **ORDERED, ADJUDGED** and **DECREED** by the Court that:

1. Bruce E. Poston is hereby temporarily suspended from the practice of law as provided in Section 4.3 of Supreme Court Rule 9.
2. Bruce E. Poston shall comply with Supreme Court Rule 9 in all respects, and particularly as provided in Section 18.
3. Bruce E. Poston may make application for dissolution or modification of this Order as provided in Supreme Court Rule 9.

4. The Board of Professional Responsibility shall cause notice of this suspension of Bruce E. Poston to be published as required by Supreme Court Rule 9.

FOR THE COURT:

Cornelia A. Clark
CORNELIA A. CLARK
CHIEF JUSTICE

Michael W. Catalano, Clerk, hereby certify that this is a true and exact copy of the original

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filed in the cause.
This 22 day of Sept, 2010
CLERK OF COURT

By: Julia Lewis D.C.