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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: JOEL DAVID RAGLAND, BPR #012222
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MONTGOMERY COUNTY LAWYER TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED

On April 12, 2024, the Supreme Court of Tennessee temporarily suspended Joel David Ragland from the practice of law upon finding Mr. Ragland misappropriated funds for his personal use 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 in cases where the attorney misappropriates funds for his personal use or poses a threat of substantial harm to the public.

Mr. Ragland is immediately precluded from accepting any new cases, and he must cease representing existing clients by May 12, 2024. After May 12, 2024, Mr. Ragland shall not engage in the practice of law; use any indicia of lawyer, legal assistant, or law clerk; or maintain a presence wherein the practice of law is conducted. Mr. Ragland 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 shall deliver to all clients any papers or property to which they are entitled.

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

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