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**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**  
**RE: FRANCIS XAVIER SANTORE, JR., BPR # 011315**  
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**GREENE COUNTY LAWYER TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED**

On September 26, 2024, the Supreme Court of Tennessee temporarily suspended Francis Xavier Santore, Jr. from the practice of law upon finding that Mr. Santore poses a threat of substantial harm to the public. The Supreme Court further ordered Mr. Santore to undergo examination by a qualified medical or mental health expert to assess his capacity and fitness to practice law.

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 an attorney poses a threat of substantial harm to the public. Section 27.4 of Supreme Court Rule 9 provides for the evaluation of an attorney by a qualified medical or mental health expert, to determine the attorney's capacity to continue to practice law, in cases where the mental or physical health of an attorney is called into question.

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

Mr. Santore is suspended from the practice of law effective immediately and must immediately cease representing clients. Mr. Santore shall not use any indicia of lawyer, legal assistant, or law clerk nor maintain a presence where the practice of law is conducted.

This suspension remains in effect until dissolution or modification by the Supreme Court. Mr. Santore may for good cause request dissolution or modification of the suspension by petition to the Supreme Court, but no hearing on such a petition may be held until Mr. Santore complies with all requirements of the Order of Suspension.