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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: MELANIE BETH SHADA, BPR #022279
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CUMBERLAND COUNTY LAWYER TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED

On April 25, 2024, the Supreme Court of Tennessee temporarily suspended Melanie Beth Shada from the practice of law upon finding that Ms. Shada failed to respond to the Board of Professional Responsibility concerning a complaint of misconduct. Section 12.3 of Supreme Court Rule 9 provides for the immediate temporary suspension of an attorney's license to practice law in cases of an attorney's failure to respond to a complaint of misconduct.

Ms. Shada is immediately precluded from accepting any new cases, and she must cease representing existing clients by May 25, 2024. After May 25, 2024, Ms. Shada shall not use any indicia of lawyer, legal assistant, or law clerk nor maintain a presence wherein the practice of law is conducted. Ms. Shada must notify all clients being represented in pending matters, as well as co-counsel and opposing counsel, of the Supreme Court's Order suspending her law license, and is required to deliver to all clients any papers or property to which they are entitled.

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

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