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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: C. LEANN SMITH, BPR #018899
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May 7, 2021

DAVIDSON COUNTY LAWYER TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED

On May 7, 2021, the Supreme Court of Tennessee temporarily suspended C. LeAnn Smith from the practice of law upon finding that Ms. Smith was substantially non-compliant with a Tennessee Lawyers Assistance Program (TLAP) monitoring agreement, and her non-compliance posed 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 an attorney has failed to substantially comply with a Tennessee Lawyers Assistance Program monitoring agreement or poses a threat of substantial harm to the public.

Ms. Smith is immediately precluded from accepting any new cases, and she must cease representing existing clients on June 6, 2021. After June 6, 2021, Ms. Smith shall not use any indicia of lawyer, legal assistant, or law clerk nor maintain a presence where the practice of law is conducted. Ms. Smith 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. Ms. Smith is required 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. Ms. Smith may for good cause request dissolution or modification of the suspension by petition to the Supreme Court.

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE

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IN RE: C. LEANN SMITH, BPR #018899
An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee
(Davidson County)

No. M2021-00466-SC-BAR-BP
BOPR No. 2021-3166-5-DB-12.3

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 C. LeAnn Smith from the practice of law, pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.3. The Petition has been authorized by the Chair of the Board of Professional Responsibility and is supported by the Affidavit of J.E. "Buddy" Stockwell, III, Executive Director of Tennessee Lawyers Assistance Program.

Based upon the Petition and the supporting Affidavit, the Court finds that C. LeAnn Smith, Respondent, is substantially non-compliant with a Tennessee Lawyers Assistance Program (TLAP) monitoring agreement as detailed by the affidavit of J.E. "Buddy" Stockwell, III, Executive Director of Tennessee Lawyers Assistance Program, and her non-compliance poses a threat of substantial harm to the public.

IT IS THEREFORE, CONSIDERED, ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED BY THE COURT THAT:

1. C. LeAnn Smith is hereby temporarily suspended from the practice of law as provided in Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.3.
2. C. LeAnn Smith shall comply with Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9 in all respects and particularly as provided in Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 28, regarding the responsibilities of suspended attorneys.
3. C. LeAnn Smith may make application for dissolution or modification of this Order as provided in Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.3.

4. The Board of Professional Responsibility shall cause notice of this suspension of C. LeAnn Smith to be published as required by Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 28.11.

PER CURIAM