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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
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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 Lawyer 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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