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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: GARY WAYNE VANDEVER, BPR# 6695
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December 3, 2010

WILSON COUNTY LAWYER TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED

On November 24, 2010, the Supreme Court of Tennessee issued an Order summarily and temporarily suspending Gary Wayne Vandever from the practice of law upon finding that Mr. Vandever has failed to respond to the Board regarding a complaint of misconduct. Section 4.3 of Supreme Court Rule 9 provides for the immediate summary suspension of an attorney's license to practice law in cases of an attorney's misappropriation of funds.

Effective November 24, 2010, Mr. Vandever is precluded from accepting any new cases and he must cease representing existing clients by December 24, 2010. After December 24, 2010, Mr. Vandever shall not use any indicia of lawyer, legal assistant, or law clerk nor maintain a presence where the practice of law is conducted.

Mr. Vandever 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. Section 18 of Supreme Court Rule 9 requires Mr. Vandever 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. Mr. Vandever 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

IN RE: GARY WAYNE VANDEVER, BPR #006695

An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee (Wilson County)

No. M2010-02340-SC-BPR-BP BOPR No. 2010-1981-4-SGC4.8 FILED

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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 Gary Wayne Vandever from the practice of law, pursuant to Section 4.3 of Supreme Court Rule 9. The Petition has been authorized by the Chair of the Board of Professional Responsibility and is supported by the affidavits of Gary Wayne Vandever, TBI Agent Chet Mason and Disciplinary Counsel Kevin D. Balkwill.

Based upon the Petition and the supporting Affidavit, the Court finds that Gary Wayne Vandever, Respondent, has failed to respond to the Board of Professional Responsibility concerning a complaint of misconduct and has misappropriated funds.

It is therefore, ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED by the Court that:

- 1. Gary Wayne Vandever is hereby temporarily suspended from the practice of law as provided in Section 4.3 of Supreme Court Rule 9.
- 2. Gary Wayne Vandever shall comply with Supreme Court Rule 9 in all respects, and particularly as provided in Section 18.
- 3. Gary Wayne Vandever may make application for dissolution or modification of this Order as provided in Supreme Court Rule 9.
- 4. The Board of Professional Responsibility shall cause notice of this suspension of Gary Wayne Vandever to be published as required by Supreme Court Rule 9.

FOR THE COURT:

JUSTICE

CLARK, C.J., Not participating

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