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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
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## BENTON COUNTY LAWYER TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED

On November 1, 2016, the Supreme Court of Tennessee temporarily suspended Alan George Ward from the practice of law, effective immediately, upon finding that Mr. Ward failed to file briefs in the Court of Criminal Appeals and failed to appear before the Court of Criminal Appeals pursuant to a show cause order, and poses 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 when an attorney poses a threat of substantial harm to the public.

Mr. Ward is immediately precluded from accepting any new cases, and he must cease representing existing clients by December 1, 2016. After December 1, 2016, Mr. Ward shall not use any indicia of lawyer, legal assistant, or law clerk nor maintain a presence where the practice of law is conducted.

Mr. Ward 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. Ward 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. Mr. Ward may for good cause request dissolution or modification of the suspension by petition to the Supreme Court.

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