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**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**  
**RE: ALAN GEORGE WARD, BPR #18949**  
**CONTACT: WILLIAM C. MOODY**  
**BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY**  
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November 1, 2016

**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.

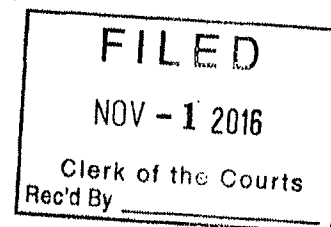
Mr. Ward must notify all clients being represented in pending matters, as well as co-counsel and opposing counsel, of the Supreme Court's Order suspending his law license. Mr. Ward is required to deliver to all clients any papers or property to which they are entitled.

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.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE  
AT NASHVILLE

**IN RE: ALAN GEORGE WARD, BPR #18949**  
An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee  
(Benton County)

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**No. M2016-02176-SC-BAR-BP**  
BOPR No. 2016-2648-7-WM(12.3)  
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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 Alan George Ward 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 Kevin Balkwill, Disciplinary Counsel.

Based upon the Petition and the supporting Affidavit, the Court finds that Alan George Ward, Respondent, poses a threat of substantial harm to the public as evidenced by his failure to file briefs in the Court of Criminal Appeals and his failure to appear before the Court of Criminal Appeals pursuant to a show cause order as detailed by the Affidavit of Disciplinary Counsel.

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

1. Alan George Ward is hereby temporarily suspended from the practice of law as provided in Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.3.
2. Alan George Ward 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. Alan George Ward 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 Alan George Ward to be published as required by Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 28.11.

PER CURIAM