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**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**  
**RE: DAVID BRENT WHELAN, BPR #032494**  
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September 10, 2020

**RUTHERFORD COUNTY LAWYER TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED**

On September 10, 2020, the Supreme Court of Tennessee temporarily suspended David Brent Whelan from the practice of law upon finding Mr. Whelan failed to respond to the Board regarding a complaint of misconduct and poses a risk 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 the attorney fails to respond to the Board regarding a complaint of misconduct or poses a risk of substantial harm to the public.

Mr. Whelan is immediately precluded from accepting any new cases, and he must cease representing existing clients by October 10, 2020. After October 10, 2020, Mr. Whelan shall not engage in the practice of law or use any indicia of lawyer, legal assistant, or law clerk nor maintain a presence where the practice of law is conducted.

Mr. Whelan 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 and deliver to all clients any papers or property to which they are entitled.

Mr. Whelan must comply with the requirements of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Sections 28 and 12.3(d), regarding the obligations and responsibilities of temporarily suspended attorneys and the procedure for reinstatement.

This suspension remains in effect until dissolution or modification by the Supreme Court. Mr. Whelan may for good cause request dissolution or modification of the suspension by petition to the Supreme Court.