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**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**  
**RE: FRED AUSTON WORTMAN, III, BPR #24808**  
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**BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY**  
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June 23, 2015

**SHELBY COUNTY LAWYER TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED**

On June 23, 2015, the Supreme Court of Tennessee temporarily suspended Fred Auston Wortman, III, from the practice of law upon finding that Mr. Wortman poses a threat of substantial harm to the public. Section 12.3 of Supreme Court Rule 9 provides for immediate temporary suspension of an attorney's license to practice law in matters where an attorney's continued practice of law poses a threat of substantial harm to the public.

Effective June 23, 2015, Mr. Wortman is precluded from accepting any new cases, and he must cease representing existing clients by July 23, 2015. After July 23, 2015, Mr. Wortman shall not use any indicia of lawyer, legal assistant, or law clerk nor maintain a presence where the practice of law is conducted. Mr. Wortman 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. Wortman 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. Wortman 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

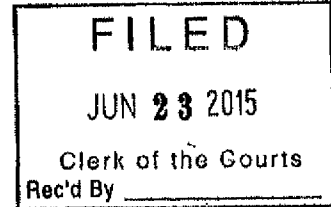
**IN RE: FRED AUSTON WORTMAN, III, BPR #24808**

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

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No. M2015-01153-SC-BAR-BP  
BOPR No. 2015-2464-9-KH(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 Fred Auston Wortman, III, from the practice of law, pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.3 (2014). The Petition has been authorized by the Chair of the Board of Professional Responsibility and is supported by the Affidavit of Preston Shipp, Disciplinary Counsel.

Based upon the Petition and the supporting Affidavit, the Court finds that Fred Auston Wortman, III, Respondent, poses a threat of substantial harm to the public.

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

1. Fred Auston Wortman, III, is hereby temporarily suspended from the practice of law as provided in Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.3 (2014).
2. Fred Auston Wortman, III, shall comply with Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9 in all respects and particularly as provided in Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 28 (2014) regarding the responsibilities of suspended attorneys.
3. Fred Auston Wortman, III, may make application for dissolution or modification of this Order as provided in Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.3 (2014).
4. The Board of Professional Responsibility shall cause notice of this suspension of Fred Auston Wortman, III, to be published as required by Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 28.11.

PER CURIAM