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## RELEASE OF INFORMATION IN RE: GERALD S. GREEN, BPR #9470 CONTACT: LAURA L. CHASTAIN BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY 615-361-7500

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## **MEMPHIS LAWYER ON PROBATION**

On May 3, 2004, the Supreme Court of Tennessee entered an Order suspending the law license of Gerald S. Green for a period of six months, with all time suspended and six months to be served on probation.

Green neglected his clients' legal matters; charged an excessive fee; failed to withdraw when discharged by a client, and failed to deliver to the client all papers and properties to which the client was entitled; failed to represent a client competently; and neglected client matters and failed to adequately communicate with clients, and failed to return client property.

Disciplinary Counsel filed petitions for discipline pursuant to Rule 9, Rules of the Tennessee Supreme Court. Green agreed to enter into a conditional guilty plea to the petitions in exchange for a suspension of six (6) months with all time suspended and Green serving the six (6) months on probation. During the period of suspension and/or probation Green will be prohibited from accepting any new legal assignments for the six months during which time Green agrees to work only on his present caseload; Green has agreed to follow all of the recommendations of Legal Management Services, Inc., which evaluated his practice and made recommendations in a written report; Green agreed to submit monthly reports to Disciplinary Counsel from Legal Management Services, Inc., evidencing his compliance and Green has agreed to refund all attorney's fees paid to him relating to the pending complaints by the following parties: Patricia Johnson, Sylvester Gray, David Watson, Susie Clay, Warline Blakely, Keith Brooks and Cindy June Haney within the six (6) month suspension/probation period.

Green's failure to comply with any of the conditions of probation shall result in the Board, for good cause shown at any time within the six (6) months petitioning the Court to revoke the probation and impose the remainder of the suspension.

The suspension/probation period shall be effective as of January 1, 2004.

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