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**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**  
**RE: WILLIAM ALAN ALDER, BPR# 23214**  
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January 7, 2013

**NASHVILLE LAWYER SUSPENDED**

On December 28, 2012, the law license of William Alan Alder of Nashville, Tennessee, was suspended by the Tennessee Supreme Court for a period of one (1) year pursuant to Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 4.2. Mr. Alder was also ordered to pay restitution to a former client and undergo an assessment with the Tennessee Lawyer's Assistance Program as conditions precedent to reinstatement.

Mr. Alder improperly used his trust account for personal use and caused several bank overdrafts to occur. Mr. Alder also failed to provide agreed legal services to clients, was not diligent in handling client matters, and failed to adequately communicate with clients. Additionally, Mr. Alder submitted false affidavits to the Commission on Legal Education and Specialization claiming to have participated in legal training which he never attended. Mr. Alder's conduct was in violation of the Rules of Professional Conduct.

By these acts, William Alan Alder has violated Rules 1.1 (competence), 1.3 (diligence), 1.4 (communication), 1.15 (safekeeping property), 1.16 (terminating representation), 8.1(b) (failure to respond to disciplinary authority), and 8.4(a), (c), and (d) (misconduct) of the Rules of Professional Conduct and is hereby suspended for these violations.

Mr. Alder was further ordered to pay the expenses and costs of the disciplinary proceedings against him pursuant to Rule 9, Section 24.3, of the Rules of the Supreme Court, and fully comply in all respects with the requirements and obligations of suspended attorneys and the procedure for reinstatement as set forth in Rule 9, Sections 18 and 19, of the Rules of the Supreme Court.

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