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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
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BRADLEY COUNTY LAWYER SUSPENDED

On February 14, 2012, Sherman Ames, III, of Cleveland, Tennessee, was suspended by Order of the Tennessee Supreme Court for six months, with credit for the twenty-one day period of time from the termination of disability inactive status on November 8, 2011 until the hearing of his case on November 29, 2011. He must also pay the Board of Professional Responsibility's costs in this matter.

On November 30, 2009, the Board filed a Petition for Discipline alleging that Mr. Ames was engaging in the unauthorized practice of law based upon complaints from the Washington Attorney General's office and an investigator for the unauthorized practice of law unit in Montana. Mr. Ames is not licensed to practice law in Washington or Montana. Further, Mr. Ames was practicing law during a period when he was suspended in Tennessee, thus having no license at all. He was practicing by signing settlement documents, by using letterhead stating he was an attorney with addresses in Montana, and by using a bank account in the name of his solo practice.

His actions violate the following Rules of Professional Conduct: 4.1(a), Truth and Candor in Statements to Others; 5.5(a), Unauthorized Practice of Law; 5.7, Responsibilities Regarding Law Related Services; 7.1(a), Communications Concerning a Lawyer's Services; 7.5(a), Firm Names and Letterheads; and 8.4(a) and (c), Misconduct.

Mr. Ames must comply with the requirements of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 18 regarding the responsibilities of suspended lawyers.

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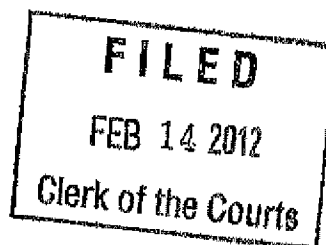
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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE

IN RE SHERMAN AMES, III., BPR #007163
An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee
(Bradley County)



No. M2011-00180-SC-BPR-BP
BOPR No. 2009-1868-3-KH

ORDER OF ENFORCEMENT

This matter is before the Court upon a Petition for Discipline filed November 30, 2009 by the Board of Professional Responsibility ("Board") against Sherman Ames, III.; upon Answer to the Petition for Discipline filed by Mr. Ames on December 12, 2009; upon a hearing before the Hearing Panel held on November 29, 2011; upon Judgment of the Hearing Panel entered on December 14, 2011; upon service of the Judgment on Mr. Ames sent by the Board on December 14, 2011; upon consideration and approval by the Board on January 11, 2012; upon agreement by the parties that they will not seek appeal; and upon the entire record in this cause

From all of which the Court approves the findings and conclusions of the Hearing Panel and adopts the Judgment of the Hearing Panel as the Court's Order.

It is therefore, ordered, adjudged and decreed by the Court that:

1. Sherman Ames, III., is hereby suspended from the practice of law for six (6) months pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 4.2. Further, the twenty-one (21) day period of time from the termination of his disability inactive status on November 8, 2011 until the hearing date on November 29, 2011 shall be credited toward the six (6) month suspension period.
2. The suspension shall become effective ten (10) days after the filing of this Order.
3. Mr. Ames shall comply in all aspects with Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 18 regarding the obligations and responsibilities of suspended attorneys.

4. Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 24.3, Mr. Ames shall pay to the Board of Professional Responsibility the expenses and costs of this matter in the amount of \$3,067.15 and, in addition, shall pay to the Clerk of this Court the costs incurred herein, within ninety (90) days of the entry of this Order, for all of which execution may issue if necessary.

5. The Board shall cause notice of this suspension to be published as required by Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 18.10.

FOR THE COURT:

William C. Koch, Jr.
WILLIAM C. KOCH, JR., JUSTICE

I, Michael W. Calhoun, Clerk, hereby certify that
this is a true and exact copy of the original

filed in the cause.

This 14 day of Feb., 2012
CLERK OF COURT

By: [Signature]