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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: STANLEY R. BARNETT, BPR NO. 17870
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KNOXVILLE LAWYER SUSPENDED BY SUPREME COURT

By Order of the Tennessee Supreme Court entered July 12, 2005, Stanley R. Barnett, a Knoxville attorney, was suspended from the practice of law in this state for a period of three years retroactive to April 1, 2002.

A Petition for Discipline had been filed against Mr. Barnett by the Board of Professional Responsibility on May 12, 2003. On June 14, 2005, Mr. Barnett entered into a Conditional Plea of Guilty with the Board of Professional Responsibility to resolve the Petition for Discipline in exchange for the three-year suspension. Mr. Barnett failed to comply with the court-ordered conditions on his earlier reinstatement, failed to refund an unearned portion of a fee to a client upon being terminated, failed to appear at scheduled court dates in cases where he was counsel of record, neglected cases and failed to communicate with his clients, failed to return one client's file upon request after being terminated, failed to respond to requests for information from the Office of Disciplinary Counsel, and failed to notify his clients of his interim suspension as required by the Supreme Court Rules.

Mr. Barnett admitted violating DR 1-102(A)(1)(4)(5)(6)(7), DR 2-110(A)(1)(2)(3), DR 6-101(A)(1)(2)(3), DR 7-101(A)(1)(2)(3)(4), DR 7-106(A)(C)(7), and DR 9-102(B)(4) of the Code of Professional Responsibility.

The Court further ordered Mr. Barnett to pay restitution to clients in six disciplinary complaint files in the amount of any unearned portion of any fees.

The Court further ordered that Mr. Barnett pay the costs of the disciplinary proceedings and that he comply in all respects with Supreme Court Rule 9, and specifically Section 18 of said Rules, regarding the obligations and responsibilities of suspended attorneys.

Mr. Barnett will be reinstated to the practice of law at the expiration of the three-year suspension period only upon petition for reinstatement to the Supreme Court and proving by clear and convincing evidence that he has the moral qualifications, competency, and learning in the law required for admission and that his resumption of practice will not be detrimental to the integrity and standing of the bar or the administration of justice or subversive to the public interest.

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