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## **CHATTANOOGA LAWYER DISBARRED**

On September 26, 2008, the Tennessee Supreme Court disbarred Howard B. Barnwell, a Chattanooga attorney, from the practice of law in Tennessee. The Order of the Supreme Court further instructs Mr. Barnwell to comply with all the requirements and obligations of disbarred attorneys as set forth in Section 18 of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9 and pay the costs of the disciplinary proceeding filed against him.

A Petition for Discipline, a Supplemental Petition for Discipline and a Second Supplemental Petition for Discipline were filed against Mr. Barnwell containing seven separate complaints. Those complaints contain allegations of neglect, non-communication, abandonment of a client, practicing law while suspended, non-communication with his clients, incompetence, practicing law in Alabama without a license, and fraud arising out of the Respondent's filing of fraudulent arbitration awards in Alabama. The Respondent failed to respond to the Petitions for Discipline.

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