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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: MARK KELLY BRASWELL, BPR #15787
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WASHINGTON D.C. LAWYER SUSPENDED

On December 27, 2013, the law license of Mark Kelley Braswell of Washington, D.C. was suspended by the Tennessee Supreme Court for a period of six (6) months, pursuant to Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 4.2, and thereafter, indefinitely until restitution in the amount of \$40,000.00 is paid to Mr. Braswell's former client. Mr. Braswell's suspension is retroactive to May 22, 2012, when he was temporarily suspended by the Tennessee Supreme Court for failure to respond to the Board of Professional Responsibility concerning a complaint of misconduct.

Mr. Braswell, along with retained co-counsel in Florida, represented a client in a Securities and Exchange Commission civil matter filed in the Federal District Court in Tampa, Florida. Mr. Braswell failed to appear to represent his client at trial, failed to timely file a brief in the appeal, misled his client that the appeal brief had been filed and misled opposing counsel by implying a filed copy of the appeal brief would be delivered by FedEx. The client's appeal was dismissed due to Mr. Braswell's failure to file the appeal brief in accordance with the rules of the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit. Mr. Braswell also failed to respond to the Board regarding this disciplinary complaint. In mitigation, Mr. Braswell experienced serious health problems during the representation and had no prior disciplinary record. Mr. Braswell's conduct violated the Florida and Tennessee Rules of Professional Conduct.

Mr. Braswell admitted his guilt of violating Florida Rules of Professional Conduct 4-1.1, 4-1.3, 4-1.4, 4-1.5, 4-1.16 and 4-8.4(a) and Tennessee Rules of Professional Conduct 8.1(b)

Mr. Braswell 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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