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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: SPENCE ROBERTS BRUNER, BPR #19056
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ROANE COUNTY LAWYER SUSPENDED

On January 31, 2014, Spence Roberts Bruner, of Harriman, Tennessee, was suspended from the practice of law by Order of the Tennessee Supreme Court for ninety (90) days. Mr. Bruner must pay the Board's costs and expenses and the court costs within ninety days of the entry of the Order of Enforcement.

A Petition for Discipline was filed on February 11, 2013, alleging Mr. Bruner violated the Rules of Professional Conduct in his representation of a client in a criminal matter. A Hearing Panel determined that Mr. Bruner failed to timely file an appellate brief and ignored four (4) orders from the Court of Criminal Appeals directing him to file the appellate brief. Mr. Bruner was found in contempt of court for willful failure to comply with the orders of the Court.

Mr. Bruner's unethical conduct violated Rules of Professional Conduct 3.2 (expediting litigation); 3.4 (fairness to the opposing party and counsel); and 8.4 (misconduct).

Mr. Bruner must comply with the requirements of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 18, regarding the obligations and responsibilities of suspended attorneys.

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