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

On December 21, 2015, Spence Roberts Bruner, of Harriman, Tennessee, was disbarred by the Tennessee Supreme Court and ordered to pay restitution totaling \$4,250. The disbarment took effect immediately. Mr. Bruner must pay the Board of Professional Responsibility's costs and expenses and court costs within ninety days.

A Petition for Discipline was filed on March 28, 2014, and a Supplemental Petition for Discipline was filed on October 6, 2014. The Petitions contained five (5) complaints alleging that Mr. Bruner failed to diligently represent his clients, failed to communicate with his clients and failed to respond to Disciplinary Counsel investigating this case.

The Hearing Panel determined that Mr. Bruner violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.3, (Diligence); 1.4, (Communication); 8.1, (Bar and Disciplinary Matters) and 8.4(a), (Misconduct).

Should Mr. Bruner petition for reinstatement, he must establish that he has paid restitution to his former clients, and complied with any recommendations of the Tennessee Lawyer Assistance Program.

In an unrelated case, Mr. Bruner was suspended from the practice of law for ninety days for disciplinary misconduct on January 31, 2014. To date, Mr. Bruner has not been reinstated from his previous suspension.

Mr. Bruner must comply with Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Sections 28 and 30 regarding the obligations and responsibilities of disbarred attorneys.