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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: CHARLES ALPHONSO CARPENTER, BPR #016429
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MARYVILLE LAWYER SUSPENDED

On January 6, 2010, the Tennessee Supreme Court suspended Charles Alphonso Carpenter, of Maryville, Tennessee, for three (3) months effective 10 days from the date of the order. The Court also referred Mr. Carpenter to the Tennessee Lawyers Assistance Program (TLAP) and ordered Mr. Carpenter to make restitution in the amount of \$1,862.00.

The Board of Professional Responsibility filed a Petition for Discipline and a Supplemental Petition for Discipline against Mr. Carpenter pursuant to Rule 9, Rules of the Supreme Court of Tennessee. Mr. Carpenter submitted a Conditional Guilty Plea to the Board's charges agreeing to accept a three (3) month suspension, referral to Tennessee Lawyers Assistance Program (TLAP) and restitution in the amount of \$1,862.00 for misappropriating funds from his former law firm, neglecting a client's case and failing to keep a client informed. Mr. Carpenter's actions violated the following Rules of Professional Conduct: 1.3 (diligence); 1.4 (communication); 1.15 (safeguarding property); 3.2 (expediting litigation) and 8.4 (misconduct).

Mr. Carpenter is ordered to pay the Board's costs and must comply in all respects with the requirements and obligations of suspended attorneys as set forth in Rule 9, Section 18.1 of the Rules of the Supreme Court. The Supreme Court further Ordered that Mr. Carpenter's temporary suspension was dissolved and Mr. Carpenter would be reinstated to the practice of law pursuant to the terms of his Conditional Guilty Plea.

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