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**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**  
**RE: CHARLES ALPHONSO CARPENTER, BPR #016429**  
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**BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY**  
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January 12, 2010

**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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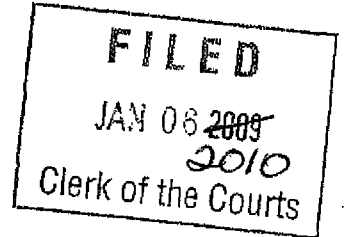
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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE  
AT NASHVILLE

IN RE: CHARLES ALPHONSO CARPENTER, BPR # 016429

An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee  
(Blount County)

NO. M2009-02513-SC-BPR-CP  
BOPR NOS. 2008-1751-2-SG and 2009-1870-2-SG(4.3)



**ORDER OF ENFORCEMENT**

This matter is before the Court upon a Petition for Dissolution of Order of Temporary Suspension filed by Charles Alphonso Carpenter (Respondent); Findings and Recommendations of 4.3 Panel; and a Petition for Discipline filed by the Board of Professional Responsibility against the Respondent; an Amended Petition for Discipline and Supplemental Petition for Discipline filed by the Board of Professional Responsibility against Charles Alphonso Carpenter ("Respondent"); upon Respondent's Answer; Respondent's Conditional Guilty Plea; upon the Hearing Panel Order filed October 15, 2009; and the Board's approval of the Respondent's Conditional Guilty Plea on December 11, 2009.

From all of which the Court accepts the Order of the Hearing Panel and concludes that the terms of the Respondent's Conditional Guilty Plea are appropriate. Specifically, Respondent shall be suspended for three (3) months from the date of this Order. The Respondent is also referred to Tennessee Lawyers Assistance Program (TLAP) and shall comply with any and all recommendations of Tennessee Lawyers Assistance Program. The Respondent shall also make restitution to the Complainants in the amount of \$1,862.00. The Respondent's current temporary suspension is dissolved and the Respondent should be reinstated to the practice of law pursuant to the terms of his Conditional Guilty Plea.

It is, therefore, **ORDERED, ADJUDGED** and **DECREED** by the Court that:

1. The Respondent, Charles Alphonso Carpenter, is suspended from the practice of law for three (3) months from the date of this Order. The Respondent is also referred to Tennessee Lawyers Assistance Program (TLAP) and shall comply with any and all recommendations of Tennessee Lawyers Assistance Program. The Respondent shall also make restitution to the Complainants in the amount of \$1,862.00.

2. Pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 24.3, the Respondent shall pay to the Board of Professional Responsibility the expenses and costs of this matter in the amount of \$1,295.92, within ninety (90) days of the date of the entry of this Order, and in addition, shall pay to the Clerk of this Court the costs incurred herein, for all of which execution may issue if necessary.

3. The Respondent shall comply in all aspects with Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 18, regarding the obligations and responsibilities of suspended attorneys.

4. The Board of Professional Responsibility shall cause notice of this discipline to be published as required by Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 18.10.

5. Pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 18.5, this Order shall be effective ten (10) days after the date of entry.

FOR THE COURT:

*Cornelia A. Clark*

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CORNELIA A. CLARK  
JUSTICE

Michael W. Catalano, Clerk, hereby certify that  
this is a true and exact copy of the original

Order  
filed in the cause.

This 12 day of Dec. 2010

BY: *Michael W. Catalano*  
CLERK OF COURT