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## WAYNE COUNTY LAWYER SUSPENDED

On July 5, 2011, John Wilburn Castleman, Jr., of Waynesboro, Tennessee, was suspended by Order of the Tennessee Supreme Court for a period of one (1) year. The suspension is retroactive to December 14, 2009, the date of his temporary suspension from the practice of law. He was further ordered to pay restitution. He must also pay the Board's costs.

On May 14, 2010, the Board of Professional Responsibility filed a Petition for Discipline against Mr. Castleman pursuant to Rule 9 of the Rules of the Supreme Court of Tennessee. Mr. Castleman failed to communicate with clients, failed to diligently pursue the clients' divorce matters and failed to return unearned fees.

His actions violate the following Rule(s) of Professional Conduct: 1.3, Diligence; 1.4, Communication; 1.5, Fees; 8.1 Bar Admission and Disciplinary Matters; and 8.4, Misconduct.

Mr. Castleman must comply with the requirements of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Sections 18 and 19, should he seek reinstatement of his Tennessee law license and he may not resume practice until reinstated by further order of this Court.

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