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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: ROBERT LAWSON CHEEK, JR., BPR #15407
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May 23, 2014

KNOX COUNTY LAWYER SUSPENDED

On May 21, 2014, the Tennessee Supreme Court suspended Robert Lawson Cheek, Jr. from the practice of law until further orders of the Court pursuant to Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 22.3. Mr. Cheek was suspended based upon his guilty plea to a serious crime; i.e., mail fraud.

The Supreme Court's Order acknowledged Mr. Cheek's disbarment on May 15, 2014, but found the Board of Professional Responsibility retains jurisdiction to address subsequent allegations of misconduct. The Supreme Court ordered the Board to institute a formal proceeding to determine the extent of final discipline to be imposed as a result of Mr. Cheek's guilty plea.

Mr. Cheek must comply with Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 28 regarding the obligations and responsibilities of suspended attorneys.

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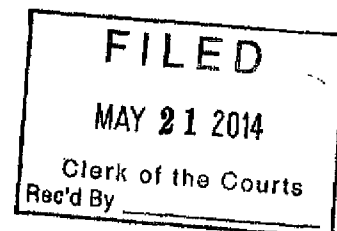
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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE

IN RE: ROBERT LAWSON CHEEK, JR., BPR # 15407
An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee
(Knox County)

No. M2014-00936-SC-BAR-BP
BOPR No. 2014-2318-2-AJ(22.3)



ORDER

This matter is before the Court pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, §§ 22.1 and 22.3, upon a Notice of Submission filed by Disciplinary Counsel for the Board of Professional Responsibility consisting of a certified copy of the Judgment in a criminal case, *United States of America v. Robert L. Cheek, Jr.*, filed on April 30, 2014, in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Tennessee, demonstrating that Robert Lawson Cheek, Jr., a Tennessee attorney, has pled guilty to a serious crime, i.e., mail fraud in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1341. On May 15, 2014, Mr. Cheek was disbarred. The Board of Professional Responsibility retains jurisdiction to address subsequent allegations of misconduct pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 8.1.

It is therefore, ordered, adjudged and decreed by the Court that:

1. Robert Lawson Cheek, Jr., is suspended from the practice of law on this date pending further orders of this Court, pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 22.3.
2. This matter shall be referred to the Board of Professional Responsibility for the institution of a formal proceeding in which the sole issue to be determined shall be the extent of the final discipline to be imposed as a result of the guilty plea.
3. Robert Lawson Cheek, Jr., shall fully comply with the provisions of Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 28 concerning disbarred or suspended attorneys.
4. The Board of Professional Responsibility shall cause notice of this suspension to be published as required by Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 28.11.

FOR THE COURT:

Cornelia A. Clark
CORNELIA A. CLARK, JUSTICE