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**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**  
**RE: CHARLES DANIEL COLLINS, NO. 17304**  
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**CHATTANOOGA LAWYER SUSPENDED BY SUPREME COURT**

Charles Daniel Collins, a Chattanooga attorney, has been suspended from the practice of law for two years and six months by Order of the Supreme Court entered January 25, 2007.

A Petition for Discipline was filed against Mr. Collins by the Board of Professional Responsibility (Board) on May 17, 2004, arising out of four complaints of misconduct. The Hearing Panel of the Board granted partial summary judgment on May 9, 2005. Mr. Collins was found to have violated DR 1-102(A)(1)(4)(5)(6), DR 2-110(A)(3), DR 6-101(A)(1)(2)(3), DR 7-101(A)(1)(2)(3)(4), DR 9-102(B)(4), and Rules of Professional Conduct 1.1, 1.2(a), 1.3, 1.4, 1.16(d)(5), 3.2, and 8.4(a)(c)(d). A hearing was conducted before the Hearing Panel on November 16, 2005, to determine the sanction to be imposed. By order filed November 28, 2005, the Hearing Panel found that Mr. Collins should be suspended from the practice of law for six months and set forth requirements for Mr. Collins' reinstatement. Mr. Collins filed an appeal with the Chancery Court for Hamilton County seeking review of the Hearing Panel's order. The appeal was dismissed October 27, 2006, for failure to prosecute.

A separate Petition for Discipline was filed against Mr. Collins on May 25, 2006, arising out of four complaints of misconduct. A Supplemental Petition for Discipline was filed on June 27, 2006, arising out of the two complaints. A Hearing Panel entered default judgments against Mr. Collins on July 25, 2006, and August 9, 2006. Mr. Collins violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4, 1.15, 1.16(d), 3.2, and 8.4(a)(b)(c)(d). A hearing was conducted before the Hearing Panel on September 27, 2006, to determine the sanction to be imposed. Mr. Collins did not appear. By Order filed October 3, 2006, the Hearing Panel found that Mr. Collins should be suspended for two years to run consecutive to the six-month suspension imposed in the other case. Mr. Collins did not file an appeal.

The Supreme Court further ordered that Mr. Collins pay the court cost and costs of the disciplinary proceedings and comply in all respects with Rule 9 regarding the obligations and responsibilities of a suspended attorney. Mr. Collins may not resume the practice of law until reinstated by Order the Supreme Court.

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