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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: THOMAS E. COWAN, JR., BPR #2026
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CARTER COUNTY ATTORNEY DISBARRED

On November 19, 2012, Thomas E. Cowan, Jr., of Elizabethton, Tennessee, was disbarred by Order of the Tennessee Supreme Court.

Mr. Cowan's law license was suspended on March 1, 2010, pursuant to Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 14, based upon his plea of guilty to a serious crime. In 2009, Mr. Cowan pled guilty to the willful attempt to defeat or evade the payment of taxes, in violation of 26 U.S.C. 7201. He was sentenced to one year in a federal prison and payment of restitution. The Tennessee Supreme Court affirmed a decision by the Chancery Court of Carter County finding that Mr. Cowan should be disbarred from the practice of law for this misconduct.

Mr. Cowan must comply with Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Sections 18 and 19 regarding the obligations and responsibilities of disbarred attorneys and the procedure for reinstatement. He must pay the Board's costs and expenses prior to reinstatement to the practice of law.

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