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RE: KYLE ERIC CROWE, BPR #11458
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## WEAKLEY COUNTY LAWYER SUSPENDED

August 1, 2012, the Tennessee Supreme Court suspended the law license of Kyle Eric Crowe, a Weakley County attorney, for a period of three years, with no active period of suspension and all time served on probation subject to a series of conditions, including: restitution to his trust account and distribution to appropriate clients, prohibition against engaging in solo practice or having access to client funds, and an extension of his Tennessee Lawyer's Assistance Program Monitoring Agreement for a total of five years.

Should Mr. Crowe fail to comply with the terms of his probation, then his probation will be revoked and Mr. Crowe will serve his three-year suspension.

The Board of Professional Responsibility filed a Petition for Discipline against Mr. Crowe pursuant to Rule 9, Section 8.2. A hearing panel found Mr. Crowe and his non-attorney spouse misappropriated funds from his trust accounts and Mr. Crowe failed to reconcile and properly disburse trust funds. Mr. Crowe's actions violated the following Rules of Professional Conduct: 1.15 (safekeeping funds); 5.3 (responsibilities regarding non-lawyer assets): 8.1 (disciplinary matters); 1.5 (fees); and 8.4 (misconduct).

Mr. Crowe was ordered to pay the expenses and costs of the disciplinary proceedings against him pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 24.3 and fully comply in all respects with the requirements and obligations of suspended attorneys as set forth in Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 18.

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