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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: THOMAS FRANCIS DILUSTRO, BPR #18624
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KNOX COUNTY LAWYER DISBARRED

On March 25, 2014, Thomas Francis diLustro, formerly of Knoxville, Tennessee, was disbarred by the Tennessee Supreme Court, pursuant to Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 4.2.

On October 25, 2012, a Petition for Discipline was filed against Mr. diLustro based upon three complaints of misconduct. A Panel determined that Mr. diLustro failed to represent his clients in a diligent manner, failed to keep clients reasonably informed about the status of their cases, failed to promptly respond to numerous reasonable requests for information, forged his client's signature to a parenting plan and submitted the document to the court for approval, falsely testified under oath regarding the signature on the Parenting Plan and failed to act promptly to correct an erroneous child support order.

Mr. diLustro's unethical conduct violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.3 (diligence); 1.4 (communication); 3.2 (expediting litigation); 3.3 (candor toward the tribunal); 3.4 (fairness to opposing party and counsel); 8.1 (bar admission and disciplinary matters); and 8.4 (misconduct).

Mr. diLustro 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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