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DYER COUNTY LAWYER SUSPENDED

On May 20, 2008, the Supreme Court of Tennessee retroactively suspended Christopher F. Donovan, of Dyersburg, Tennessee, from the practice of law for eleven (11) months and twenty-nine (29) days. The suspension was retroactive to January 31, 2006 and subject to certain conditions. Mr. Donovan was required to make restitution to two clients. Further, he must remain on probation for three (3) years during which time he must remain compliant with all conditions of probation. Mr. Donovan is required to pay the costs of the disciplinary proceedings.

Christopher Donovan violated the Rules of Professional Conduct by accepting fees from clients and then failed to perform any legal work on their cases. Further, Mr. Donovan abandoned his law practice without properly notifying clients. His actions violate the following Rules of Professional Conduct: 1.1 (Competence); 1.3 (Diligence); 1.4 (Communication); 1.5(a) (Fees); 1.15 (a) and (b) (Safekeeping of Property); 1.16 (a) and (d) (Declining and Terminating Representation); 8.4 (a) and (d) (Misconduct).

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