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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: TERRY D. DYCUS, BPR #14542
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FAYETTE COUNTY LAWYER SUSPENDED

On November 27, 2012, Terry D. Dycus, of Somerville, Tennessee, was suspended from the practice of law by Order of the Tennessee Supreme Court for one year, consisting of forty-five (45) days active suspension and the remainder to be served on probation. Mr. Dycus was also ordered to perform ten (10) hours of pro bono services and complete additional continuing legal education credits during the period of his probation. Finally, Mr. Dycus was ordered to contact the Tennessee Lawyers Assistance Program.

A Petition for Discipline was filed on November 18, 2011. Mr. Dycus entered into a Conditional Guilty Plea admitting that he violated the Rules of Professional Conduct by engaging in conversation of a sexual nature with two criminal defendants who were being prosecuted by the District Attorney's office for which he also worked. He was not the Assistant District Attorney assigned to those cases; however, he admitted that both defendants were represented by counsel and that he did not have permission to speak with either defendant. The conversations between Mr. Dycus and the defendants were inappropriate and there was a potential risk for conflict of interest and abuse of power.

Mr. Dycus' actions violated the following Rules of Professional Conduct: 4.2 (Communication with a Person Represented by Counsel) and 8.4(a) and (d) (Misconduct).

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