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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: JAMES DALLARD ESTEP, III, BPR #009436
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NEW TAZEVELL LAWYER SUSPENDED

On December 30, 2009, James Dallard Estep, III, of New Tazewell, Tennessee, was suspended by the Tennessee Supreme Court, pursuant to a Conditional Guilty Plea, for a period of one (1) year pursuant to Rule 9, Section 4.2, of the Rules of the Supreme Court. However, pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 8.5, Mr. Estep was placed on probation for a period of ten (10) months following two (2) months of active suspension.

Mr. Estep violated disciplinary rules by neglecting an estate and paying himself fees out of an estate without Court approval. Mr. Estep's actions violated Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 8, Rules of Professional Conduct 1.1 (Competence); 1.3 (diligence); 1.4 (communication); 1.5 (fees); 1.15 (safeguarding property) and 8.4 (misconduct).

Mr. Estep was ordered to pay the expenses and costs of the disciplinary proceedings against him, pursuant to Rule 9, Section 4.7, of the Rules of the Supreme Court and fully comply in all respects with the requirements and obligations of suspended attorneys as set forth in Rule 9, Section 18.1 of the Rules of the Supreme Court.

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