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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: TIMOTHY DARNELL FLOWERS, BPR# 19382
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MEMPHIS LAWYER SUSPENDED

On July 27, 2010, Timothy Darnell Flowers of Memphis, Tennessee, was suspended from the practice of law for three (3) years by the Tennessee Supreme Court and ordered to pay restitution to a former client. This suspension shall run concurrently with a previous one (1) year suspension imposed by the Supreme Court on June 4, 2010.

On June 20, 2008, a Petition for Discipline was filed against Mr. Flowers containing six (6) complaints of disciplinary misconduct. A Supplemental Petition for Discipline was filed against Mr. Flowers on August 27, 2008, containing six (6) additional complaints of misconduct. A hearing was held on October 21-23, 2009. A Hearing Panel determined that Mr. Flowers failed to act diligently in pursuing his clients' interest in multiple cases by accepting fees to file appeals with the Board of Immigration Appeals and then failing to file briefs or offer appropriate legal analysis to support the clients' appeals. Further, Mr. Flowers failed to properly communicate with clients about the status of their cases. In one matter, Mr. Flowers failed to appear for a deportation hearing despite having advance notice of the hearing. Mr. Flowers failed to refund legal fees despite his failure to timely file an appeal or appear at a hearing. Finally, Mr. Flowers repeatedly failed to respond to lawful demands by the Board for information concerning the disciplinary complaints.

Mr. Flowers' actions violate the following Rules of Professional Conduct: 1.1, Competence; 1.3, Diligence; 1.4, Communication; 1.15, Safekeeping Property; 1.16, Declining and Terminating Representation; 8.1, Bar Admission and Disciplinary Matters; and 8.4, Misconduct.

Mr. Flowers must comply with Section 18 of Rule 9, Rules of the Supreme Court, regarding the obligations and responsibilities of suspended attorneys. He must pay the Board's costs and expenses prior to reinstatement to the practice of law.

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