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MEMPHIS LAWYER SUSPENDED

On October 10, 2011, Timothy Darnell Flowers of Memphis, Tennessee, was suspended from the practice of law for five (5) years by the Tennessee Supreme Court and ordered to pay restitution to former clients. Mr. Flowers will be required to serve an actual suspension of three (3) years and two (2) years of probation. This suspension shall run concurrently with previous suspensions imposed by the Supreme Court. During the probationary period, Mr. Flowers will be required to engage a practice monitor.

On May 18, 2011, a Petition for Discipline was filed against Mr. Flowers containing five (5) complaints of disciplinary misconduct. Mr. Flowers entered into a Conditional Guilty Plea on August 26, 2011. The complaints arise from Mr. Flowers' immigration practice. In each of the complaints, Mr. Flowers' clients allege that he failed to properly communicate the status of their cases and that he failed to exercise reasonable diligence. In two of the cases, Mr. Flowers missed filing deadlines.

Mr. Flowers' actions violate the following Rules of Professional Conduct: 1.3, Diligence; 1.4, Communication; 1.5(a) Fees; 1.16, Declining and Terminating Representation; 3.2 Expediting Litigation; 3.4(c) Fairness to Opposing Party and Counsel; and 8.4(a) and (d), 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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