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

On August 1, 2013, Timothy Darnell Flowers, of Memphis, Tennessee, was suspended from the practice of law by Order of the Tennessee Supreme Court for three (3) years, retroactive to June 27, 2010. Mr. Flowers was also ordered to pay restitution to former clients. Mr. Flowers is currently on suspension based upon Orders entered by the Supreme Court in 2010 and 2011.

A Petition for Discipline was filed against Mr. Flowers on May 7, 2013. The petition contained four (4) complaints alleging that Mr. Flowers committed ethical misconduct in his representation of clients in 2005-2009. Prior to his suspension in 2010, Mr. Flowers had a solo immigration practice. Mr. Flowers failed to advise a client of a telephonic court date and therefore the client did not appear. This resulted in an order for removal being entered. Mr. Flowers failed to file a brief or other supporting argument for another client in an appeal to the Board of Immigration Appeals, resulting in dismissal of the appeal. Mr. Flowers changed venue in an immigration matter without advising the client and failed to notify the client of a court date. Finally, Mr. Flowers failed to introduce proof regarding relocation in an asylum matter resulting in the dismissal of the case.

Mr. Flowers' actions violate the following Rules of Professional Conduct: 1.1, Competence; 1.3, Diligence; 1.4, Communication; 1.5(a), Fees; 1.16(d), Declining and Terminating Representation; 3.2, Expediting Litigation; 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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