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**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**  
**RE: DEBRA FANNIN GRAHAM, BPR # 015493**  
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**BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY**  
**615-361-7500**

June 22, 2010

**CLINTON LAWYER DISBARRED AND ORDERED TO PAY RESTITUTION**

On June 16, 2010, Debra Fannin Graham of Clinton, Tennessee, was disbarred and ordered to pay restitution of all unearned fees to six (6) clients by the Tennessee Supreme Court pursuant to Rule 9, Section 4.1, of the Rules of the Supreme Court. The Board of Professional Responsibility filed a Petition for Discipline and two (2) Supplemental Petitions for Discipline against Ms. Graham. After a hearing which Ms. Graham did not attend, the Hearing Panel entered a Judgment which the Supreme Court affirmed disbaring Ms. Graham from the practice of law and ordering her to pay restitution.

Ms. Graham violated disciplinary rules by neglecting client cases; charging excessive fees; and making misrepresentations to the Board of Professional Responsibility and clients. Ms. Graham's actions violated Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 8, Rules of Professional Conduct 1.3 (diligence); 1.4 (communication); 1.5 (fees); 1.16 (terminating representation); and 8.4 (misconduct).

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

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE  
AT NASHVILLE

IN RE: DEBRA FANNIN GRAHAM, BPR #015493  
An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee  
(Anderson County)

**FILED**  
JUN 16 2010  
Clerk of the Courts

NO. M2010-01299-SC-BPO-BP  
BOPR No. 2009-1830-2-SG

**ORDER OF ENFORCEMENT**

This matter is before the Court upon a Petition for Discipline filed on July 29, 2009 by the Board of Professional Responsibility ("Board"); upon a Supplemental Petition for Discipline filed on October 12, 2009; upon a Second Supplemental Petition for Discipline filed on January 15, 2010; upon a hearing held on March 19, 2010, which the Respondent did not attend; upon Judgment of the Hearing Panel entered on March 30, 2010, which has not been appealed; upon the approval of the Board given on June 11, 2010; and upon the entire record in this cause.

From all of which it appears to the Court that the judgment of the Hearing Panel imposing disbarment and restitution of all unearned fees to clients in each of the complaints is appropriate.

It is therefore, **ORDERED, ADJUDGED** and **DECREED** by the Court that:

1. Respondent, Debra Fannin Graham, be and is hereby disbarred from the practice of law and Ordered to pay restitution of all unearned fees to the clients in each of the complaints.
2. The disbarment shall become effective ten (10) days after the filing of this Order.
3. Respondent shall comply in all aspects with Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 18 regarding the obligations and responsibilities of disbarred attorneys.
4. Pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 24.3, the Respondent shall pay to the Board of Professional Responsibility the expenses and costs of this matter in the amount of \$1,452.54 and in addition, shall pay to the Clerk of this Court the costs incurred herein, within ninety (90) days from the entry of this Order, for all of which execution may issue if necessary.

5. The Board shall cause notice of this disbarment to be published as required by Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 18.10.

6. Prior to the entry of this order, the Respondent was suspended under an order entered July 8, 2009, in Case No. E2009-00562-SC-R3-BP. That suspension shall be, and is hereby, superseded by this Order of Disbarment. However, should Respondent ever seek reinstatement to the practice of law in Tennessee, she shall be required prior to reinstatement to present proof that she has complied with all requirements of the July 8, 2009, Order as well as the conditions set forth in this order.

FOR THE COURT:

*Cornelia A. Clark*

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CORNELIA A. CLARK  
JUSTICE

Michael W. Catalano, Clerk, hereby certify that this is a true and exact copy of the original

filed in the cause.

This 16 day of June, 2010

CLERK OF COURT

By: *[Signature]* D.C.