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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: BRUCE H. GUTHRIE, BPR# 13553
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CHATTANOOGA LAWYER SUSPENDED

On July 30, 2009, Bruce H. Guthrie of Chattanooga, Tennessee, was suspended by the Tennessee Supreme Court, pursuant to a Conditional Guilty Plea, for a period of twenty-six (26) months, pursuant to Rule 9, Section 4.2, of the Rules of the Supreme Court. Mr. Guthrie's suspension will be served retroactive to the date of the Respondent's temporary suspension from the practice of law on May 18, 2007.

Mr. Guthrie violated disciplinary rules by neglecting the files of four separate clients and failing to communicate with those clients. Mr. Guthrie's actions violated Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 8, Rules of Professional Conduct 1.3 (Diligence) and 1.4 (Communication).

Mr. Guthrie was further 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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