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IN RE: HARRY TODD HAMMONS,

BPR #024982, Respondent An Attorney Licensed and Admitted to the Practice of Law in Tennessee (Davidson County) **DOCKET NO. 2008-1789-5-SG**

JUDGEMENT OF THE HEARING PANEL

This cause came to be heard by the Hearing Panel ("Panel") of the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Supreme Court of Tennessee on May 20, 2009. Appearing on behalf of the Board of Professional Responsibility ("Board") was Deputy Chief Disciplinary Counsel – Litigation, Sandy Garrett. The Respondent nor anyone on his behalf appeared for the Respondent at the May 20, 2009 Hearing.

STATEMENT OF THE CASE

A Petition for Discipline was filed against the Respondent on November 4, 2008. The Respondent failed to file an answer to the Petition for Discipline. Accordingly, the Board filed a Motion for Default Judgment and that the charges be deemed admitted on January 8, 2009. The Respondent made no response to the Board's Motion for Default Judgment. By Order, filed May 15, 2009, the Hearing Panel granted the Board's Motion for Default Judgment and that the charges be deemed admitted regarding the Petition for Discipline.

FINDINGS

Based upon this Panel's Order filed May 15, 2009, it is deemed admitted that the Respondent violated Rule 8.4(a)(d) of the Rules of Professional Conduct. For this violation, this Panel unanimously recommends the Respondent receive a one (1) year suspension, retroactive to the Respondent's Temporary Suspension on July 25, 2008, and an indefinite suspension until the Respondent has substantially complied with his Tennessee Lawyer's Assistance Program (TLAP) Monitoring Agreement for a period of six (6) months.

Entered this 22 day of May, 2009.

FOR THE HEARING PANEL:

WILLIAM L. HARBISON, PANEL CHAIR