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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: FRED T. HANZELIK, BPR #004773
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**CHATTANOOGA LAWYER CENSURED, SUSPENDED AND ORDERED
TO PAY RESTITUTION**

On **July 7, 2010**, Fred T. Hanzelik of Chattanooga, Tennessee, was censured, suspended for thirty (30) days and ordered to pay restitution to a client 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 Supplemental Petition for Discipline against Mr. Hanzelik. After a hearing, the Hearing Panel entered a Judgment which the Supreme Court affirmed censuring, suspending Mr. Hanzelik for thirty (30) days and ordering him to pay restitution totaling \$6,379.34 to a former client.

Mr. Hanzelik violated disciplinary rules by failing to disburse or provide an accounting of a settlement, engaging in a conflict of interest and failing to communicate with the Board of Professional Responsibility and his client. Mr. Hanzelik's actions violated Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 8, Rules of Professional Conduct 1.4 (communication); 1.7 (conflicts); 1.15 (safeguarding property); 8.1 (failure to cooperate with the Board) and 8.4 (misconduct).

Mr. Hanzelik was 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 to 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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