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LAW LICENSE OF SPRING HILL ATTORNEY SUSPENDED

On January 25, 2007, the Supreme Court of Tennessee entered an order suspending the law license of Clyde E. Harris, Jr., for a period of three years. The suspension is effective February 5, 2007.

The petition for discipline alleged that respondent obtained money from his employer by false representation. Respondent reported working more hours than he had worked and received more than \$5,000.00 additional pay. Respondent did not answer the petition for discipline and a default judgment was entered.

The hearing panel of the Board of Professional Responsibility recommended a three year suspension and neither respondent nor the Board appealed the decision. The hearing panel also recommended that respondent be suspended indefinitely until he made full restitution to the employer. The hearing panel found that respondent violated RPC 8.4 by engaging in criminal acts involving dishonesty, fraud and deceit. The panel found that respondent's misconduct was aggravated by multiple offenses, dishonest motive and a pattern of misconduct.

The Supreme Court adopted the findings and recommendations of the hearing panel as the order of the Court. Respondent will be eligible for reinstatement after the expiration of the suspension. An attorney suspended for one year or more must have a hearing before a hearing panel and the approval of the Supreme Court prior to reinstatement. An attorney seeking reinstatement has the burden of proving by clear and convincing evidence that he or she has the moral qualifications, competency and learning in the law to practice law in the state. The attorney must also show that the resumption of law practice will not be detrimental to the integrity and standing of the bar, the administration of justice or subversive to the public interest.

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