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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: KING BETHEL HARRIS, III., BPR# 23282
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MEMPHIS LAWYER DISBARRED

On January 31, 2012, King Bethel Harris, III, of Memphis, Tennessee, was disbarred by Order of the Tennessee Supreme Court. He was further ordered to pay restitution to two former clients. He must also pay the costs of the disciplinary proceeding. Mr. Harris was previously disbarred on January 19, 2011 in relation to another disciplinary matter.

The Board of Professional Responsibility filed a Petition for Discipline against Mr. Harris pursuant to Rule 9 of the Rules of the Supreme Court of Tennessee. A Hearing Panel determined that Mr. Harris was involved with a business known as GreenCredit Law Center which was engaged in the unauthorized practice of law in California. Customers were informed that GreenCredit had "in-house" attorneys who would conduct negotiations with lenders for mortgage modifications. In several cases, the fees paid by customers to GreenCredit were credited to Mr. Harris's law firm account; however, no legal services were provided. At the time of these events, Mr. Harris was suspended from the practice of law in Tennessee.

His actions violate the following Rules of Professional Conduct: 1.15(a) and (c), Safekeeping Property; 5.5, Unauthorized Practice of Law; 5.7, Responsibilities Regarding Law Related Services; and 8.1, Bar Admission and Disciplinary Matters.

Mr. Harris must comply with the requirements of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Sections 18 and 19, should he seek reinstatement of his Tennessee law license, and he may not resume practice until reinstated by further order of the Supreme Court.

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