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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: JAMES W. HODGES, JR., BPR# 9992
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June 28, 2010

MEMPHIS LAWYER CENSURED

On June 21, 2010, James W. Hodges of Memphis, Tennessee, was publicly censured by the Tennessee Supreme Court.

The Board of Professional Responsibility filed a Petition for Discipline against Mr. Hodges pursuant to Rule 9 of the Rules of the Supreme Court of Tennessee. Mr. Hodges submitted a Conditional Guilty Plea that was approved by the Hearing Panel, the Board and the Supreme Court. Mr. Hodges violated the Rules of Professional Conduct by failing to diligently represent and communicate with a client. Mr. Hodges' actions violated the following Rules of Professional Conduct: 1.3 (Diligence), 1.4 (Communication), and 8.4 (Misconduct). Mr. Hodges was further ordered to pay the costs of the disciplinary proceedings.

For these violations, the Supreme Court of Tennessee publicly censured James W. Hodges, Jr. A public censure is a rebuke and warning to the attorney, but it does not affect the attorney's ability to practice law.

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An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee
(Shelby County)

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BOPR No. 2009-1846-9-RS

ORDER OF ENFORCEMENT

This matter is before the Court upon a Petition for Discipline filed by Disciplinary Counsel against Respondent, James W. Hodges, on September 2, 2009; upon Answer to the Petition for Discipline filed by Respondent on October 12, 2009; upon the entering of a Conditional Guilty Plea by the Respondent on May 4, 2010; upon the Order Recommending Approval of Conditional Guilty Plea by a Hearing Panel on May 18, 2010; upon the approval of the Board of Professional Responsibility on June 11, 2009; and upon the entire record in this cause.

From all of which the Court approves the recommendation of the Hearing Panel and accepts the Conditional Guilty Plea.

It is, therefore, **ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED** by the Court,

1. That Respondent is hereby publicly censured pursuant to Rule 9, §4.4 of the Rules of the Supreme Court; and
2. Pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 24.3, the Respondent shall pay to the Board of Professional Responsibility the expenses and costs of this matter in the amount of \$990.00, and in addition, shall pay to the Clerk of this Court the costs incurred herein, within ninety (90) days from the entry of this order, for all of which execution may issue if necessary.

3. That the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Supreme Court cause notice of this public censure to be published as required by Rule 9, §18.10 of the Rules of the Supreme Court of Tennessee.

FOR THE COURT:

Cornelia A. Clark
CORNELIA A. CLARK
JUSTICE

Michael W. Catalano, Clerk, hereby certify that this is a true and exact copy of the original filed in the cause.
This 2 day of June, 2010
By: [Signature] CLERK OF COURT D.C.