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IN DISCIPLINARY DISTRICT 0 OF THE

IN RE:

WARNER HODGES, III, BPR # 4780

Docket No.

2010-1939-0-RS

Respondent, an Attorney Licensed

to Practice Law in Tennessee

JUDGMENT OF THE HEARING PANEL

This matter came before a duly appointed Hearing Panel of the Board of Professional

Responsibility of the Supreme Court of Tennessee on November 23, 2010 pursuant to the

Petition for Discipline filed by the Board against Warner Hodges, III on June 22, 2010. Based

upon the entire record in this matter, the documents presented by the Board and the Respondent

at the hearing and the testimony of the Respondent, the Hearing Panel makes the following

findings of fact and conclusions of law.

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The Respondent engaged in the unauthorized practice of law in Tennessee in January and

February of 2010 and, thereby, violated Rules of Professional Conduct 3.3, 4.1, 5.5 and 8.4.

The Respondent knowingly made a false statement regarding the status of his license to

practice law to a third person.

The Hearing Panel finds that four aggravating factors are present in this case. The

Respondent has a history of prior similar disciplinary offenses. The Respondent's actions had a

dishonest or selfish motive. The Respondent's violations of the Rules of Professional Conduct

evidence a pattern of misconduct. The Respondent has substantial experience in the practice of

law.

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The Hearing Panel finds that four mitigating factors are present in this case. The Respondent made full and free disclosures to the Board and the Hearing Panel regarding his misconduct. The Respondent has submitted evidence of character and reputation. There has been no delay in the disciplinary proceeding. The Respondent has evidenced remorse.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE HEARING PANEL

Based upon the findings of fact and conclusions of law set forth above, and upon the entire record of this matter, the Hearing Panel unanimously recommends that the Respondent be suspended from the practice of law for sixty (60) days.

ENTERED ON THIS THE & DAY OF \ lecomber, 2010.

DARRY D. GRESHAM
Chairman of the Hearing Panel

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