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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: WILLIAM DOUGLAS HOOPER, BPR #29825
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SUMNER COUNTY LAWYER SUSPENDED

On December 9, 2015, William Douglas Hooper of Sumner County, Tennessee, was suspended from the practice of law by Order of the Tennessee Supreme Court for one (1) year retroactive to entry of the order of temporary suspension on December 17, 2014^a. Pursuant to the Order of Enforcement, Mr. Hooper shall pay restitution to his former client and the cost and expense of the disciplinary proceedings. Payment of restitution is a condition precedent to Mr. Hooper's reinstatement to the practice of law.

A Petition for Discipline containing one (1) complaint of misconduct was filed by the Board of Professional Responsibility on March 26, 2015. The Petition alleged that Mr. Hooper ceased communicating with his client, did not inform his client of motions and pleadings filed against him, and failed to appear in court on behalf of his client. In addition, Mr. Hooper did not respond to Disciplinary Counsel investigating this case.

The Hearing Panel found that Mr. Hooper violated Tennessee Rules of Professional Conduct 1.3 (diligence), 1.4 (communication), 1.5 (fees), 1.15 (safekeeping property), 1.16 (declining or terminating representation), 8.1 (bar admission and disciplinary matters) and 8.4(a) and (d) (misconduct).

Mr. Hooper must comply with the requirements of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Sections 28 and 30, regarding the obligations and responsibilities of suspended attorneys.

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^a It was previously reported, incorrectly, that Mr. Hooper was temporarily suspended on July 3, 2014.