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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: JAMES M. HOOTS, BPR #014118
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May 17, 2010

MEMPHIS LAWYER DISBARRED

On May 11, 2010, James M. Hoots, of Memphis, Tennessee, was disbarred by Order of the Tennessee Supreme Court.

Mr. Hoots delivered to the Board of Professional Responsibility an affidavit consenting to disbarment because he could not successfully defend himself on charges alleged against him in a complaint. Mr. Hoots had previously been temporarily suspended by the Supreme Court on February 17, 2010, for misappropriation of funds.

Mr. Hoots must comply with the requirements of Section 19 of Rule 9, Rules of the Supreme Court should he seek reinstatement of his Tennessee law license, and may not resume the practice of law until reinstated by further Order of the Tennessee Supreme Court. Mr. Hoots must further comply with Section 18 of Rule 9, Rules of the Supreme Court, regarding the obligations and responsibilities of disbarred attorneys.

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE

IN RE: JAMES M. HOOTS, BPR #014118
An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee
(Shelby County)

FILED

MAY 11 2010

Clerk of the Courts

NO. M2010-01025-SC-BPO-BP

BOPR DOCKET NO. 2010-1927-9-SG

ORDER OF DISBARMENT

This cause is before the Court upon the Affidavit of James M. Hoots, of Memphis, Tennessee, an attorney licensed to practice law in the State of Tennessee. James M. Hoots is subject to the disciplinary jurisdiction of the Supreme Court of Tennessee, pursuant to Rule 9 of the Rules of the Supreme Court of Tennessee.

It appears to the Court that James M. Hoots has delivered to the Board of Professional Responsibility an Affidavit in compliance with Section 15.1 of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9. James M. Hoots has consented to disbarment because he cannot successfully defend himself on the charges alleged in Complaint No. 32781-9-RW filed against him. It is conceded that James M. Hoots has violated Rule 8.4 of the Rules of Professional Conduct.

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

1. James M. Hoots is hereby disbarred from the practice of law in Tennessee.
2. This Order of Disbarment shall be a matter of public record.
3. The affidavit filed by James M. Hoots shall not be publicly disclosed or made available for use in any other proceeding except upon further Order of this Court.
4. The Respondent's temporary suspension, ordered on February 17, 2010, is hereby dissolved.
5. The Board of Professional Responsibility shall cause notice of this disbarment to be published in accordance with Section 18.5 of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9.

6. James M. Hoots shall comply with the requirements and obligations of disbarred attorneys as established in Section 18 of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9.
7. 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 \$159.15 within ninety (90) days of the date of the entry of this Order, and in addition, shall pay to the Clerk of this Court the costs incurred herein, for all of which execution may issue if necessary.
8. Pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 9, Rules of the Supreme Court, Section 18.5, this Order shall be effective ten (10) days after the date of entry.

FOR THE COURT:

Cornelia A. Clark
CORNELIA A. CLARK
JUSTICE

I, Michael W. Catalano, Clerk, hereby certify that
this is a true and exact copy of the original

filed in the cause.

This 11 day of May, 2010
By: [Signature] CLERK OF COURT D.C.