



**BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY**  
of the  
**SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE**

1101 KERMIT DRIVE, SUITE 730  
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE 37217  
TELEPHONE: (615) 361-7500  
(800) 486-5714  
FAX: (615) 367-2480  
E-MAIL: ethics@tbpr.org

**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**  
**JOSEPH L. HORNICK, BPR #15205**  
**CONTACT: SANDY GARRETT**  
**BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY**  
**615-361-7500**

May 16, 2005

**LAW LICENSE OF DICKSON ATTORNEY SUSPENDED**

On May 12, 2005, the Supreme Court of Tennessee entered an Order suspending the law license of Joseph L. Hornick for a period of forty-five (45) days beginning July 1, 2005.

The Board of Professional Responsibility filed a Petition for Discipline against Hornick pursuant to Rule 9, Rules of the Supreme Court of Tennessee. The Board's Petition charged Hornick with neglect and failure to act with reasonable diligence and promptness in filing a client's divorce and then paying the client's court cost. The Petition also charged Hornick with misinforming his client regarding payment of the court cost. The Board of Professional Responsibility filed a Supplemental Petition for Discipline against Hornick which alleged that Hornick had made false and misleading statements to the Board of Professional Responsibility. Hornick submitted a Conditional Guilty Plea in exchange for a stated form of discipline. The discipline Hornick agreed to, which was approved by a Hearing Panel, the Board and the Court, was that Hornick would be suspended for forty-five (45) days; and have a practice monitor for a period of one (1) year who shall provide monthly reports to the Board.

From July 1, 2005 until August 15, 2005, Hornick shall not use any indicia of lawyer, legal assistant or law clerk or maintain a presence where the practice of law is conducted. Section 18 of Supreme Court Rule 9 requires Hornick to notify all clients that are being represented in pending matters; all counsel and opposing counsel of the Supreme Court's Order suspending him. Section 18 of Rule 9, Rules of the Supreme Court, also requires Hornick to deliver to all clients any papers or property to which they are entitled.

