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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: MARTIN L. HOWIE, BPR# 014120
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DYERSBURG LAWYER SUSPENDED

On April 5, 2013, Martin L. Howie, of Dyersburg, Tennessee, was suspended by Order of the Tennessee Supreme Court for a total period of three (3) years with one (1) year served as an active suspension, retroactive to February 8, 2011. The remaining two (2) years of the suspension shall be probated subject to several conditions. The conditions include restitution to former clients, participation with the Tennessee Lawyer's Assistance Program, and a practice monitor.

The Board of Professional Responsibility filed a Petition for Discipline against Mr. Howie based upon eleven (11) client complaints alleging that Mr. Howie accepted fees and then neglected clients' cases and that he failed to communicate with clients and the Board. In addition to the client complaints, another complaint was filed for his failure to provide the Court with advance notice before the day of trial in a criminal case of his suspension for noncompliance with continuing legal education requirements.

Mr. Howie's actions violate the following Rule(s) of Professional Conduct: 1.1, Competence; 1.3, Diligence; 1.4 Communication; 1.16, Declining and Terminating Representation; 3.2, Expediting Litigation; 8.1, Bar Admission and Disciplinary Matters; and 8.4, Misconduct.

Mr. Howie must comply with the requirements of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Sections 18 and 19, should he seek reinstatement of his Tennessee law license and he may not resume practice until reinstated by further order of this Court.

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