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SEVIER COUNTY ATTORNEY SUSPENDED

On June 21, 2012, the Tennessee Supreme Court suspended the law license of Jerry DeWayne Kerley pursuant to Section 14 of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9. The Court suspended Mr. Kerley's law license based upon his conviction by a jury to serious crimes, i.e. Conspiracy to Commit Wire Fraud Affecting a Financial Institution or Bank Fraud; Wire Fraud Affecting a Financial Institution Relating to the Purchase of Real Property; Bank Fraud in Submitting a False HUD-1 Statement Relating to the Purchase of Real Property; False Statements to a Bank Relating to the Purchase of Real Property; and Money Laundering Relating to the Purchase of Real Property.

The Supreme Court further ordered the Board of Professional Responsibility to institute a formal proceeding to determine the extent of final discipline to be imposed as a result of the conviction. Mr. Kerley was ordered to fully comply with the provisions of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 18, which requires, in part, withdrawal from representation and prohibits undertaking any new representation.

This suspension shall remain in effect until it is dissolved or amended by order of the Supreme Court of Tennessee.

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