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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: MICHAEL E. LATIMORE, BPR# 20170
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MEMPHIS LAWYER SUSPENDED

On August 15, 2011, Michael E. Latimore, of Memphis, Tennessee, was suspended by Order of the Tennessee Supreme Court for three (3) years. He was further ordered to pay restitution. Mr. Latimore is ordered to pay the Board's costs.

The Board of Professional Responsibility filed a Petition for Discipline and a Supplemental Petition for Discipline against Mr. Latimore pursuant to Rule 9 of the Rules of the Supreme Court of Tennessee. A Hearing Panel determined that Mr. Latimore failed to adequately communicate with his clients, failed to inform clients that he had been temporarily suspended, and failed to distribute settlement proceeds to third parties on behalf of his clients. Mr. Latimore did not maintain settlement proceeds in a trust account and he used the funds for personal benefit.

His actions violate the following Rule(s) of Professional Conduct: 1.3, Diligence; 1.4, Communication; 1.5, Fees; 1.15(c), Safekeeping Property; 1.16, Declining and Terminating Representation; 3.2, Expediting Litigation; 8.1(b), Bar Admission and Disciplinary Matters; and 8.4(a)(b) and (c), Misconduct.

Mr. Latimore 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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