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**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**  
**RE: MICHAEL E. LATIMORE, BPR# 20170**  
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**BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY**  
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September 4, 2012

**SHELBY COUNTY LAWYER DISBARRED**

On August 31, 2012, Michael E. Latimore, of Memphis, Tennessee, was disbarred by Order of the Tennessee Supreme Court. He was further ordered to pay restitution to six (6) clients and to pay costs to the Board of Professional Responsibility.

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. Mr. Latimore failed to account for settlement proceeds and to make timely distribution to a third party. Mr. Latimore used the settlement funds for his personal benefit. Mr. Latimore also failed to communicate with his clients. Finally, Mr. Latimore abandoned his practice.

His actions violate the following Rules of Professional Conduct: 1.1, Competence; 1.3, Diligence; 1.4, Communication; 1.5, Fees, 1.15, Safekeeping Property; 1.16, Declining and Terminating Representation; 8.1(b), 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 the Court.

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