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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: TONY LAWRENCE MAPLES, BPR# 18782
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BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY
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February 17, 2011

RUTHERFORD COUNTY ATTORNEY DISBARRED

On February 14, 2011, the Tennessee Supreme Court disbarred Tony Lawrence Maples, a Murfreesboro attorney, pursuant to Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 4.1. Mr. Maples violated disciplinary rules by abandoning his practice, failing to represent his clients with diligence and competence, failing to communicate with his clients, misappropriating the property of another and making misrepresentations to clients and third parties. Mr. Maples' actions violated Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 8, Rules of Professional Conduct 1.1 (Competence), 1.3 (Diligence), 1.4 (Communication), 1.5 (Fees), 1.16 (Declining and Terminating Representation), 3.3 (Candor Toward the Tribunal), 8.1(b) (Bar Admission and Disciplinary Matters), and 8.4 (Misconduct).

Mr. Maples was further ordered to pay the expenses and costs of the disciplinary proceedings against him, pursuant to Rule 9, Section 4.7, of the Rules of the Supreme Court and fully comply in all respects with the requirements and obligations of disbarred attorneys as set forth in Rule 9, Section 18.1 of the Rules of the Supreme Court.

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE

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TONY LAWRENCE MAPLES, BPR #18782
An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in the State of Tennessee
(Rutherford County)

BOPR No. 2010-1926-4-RS
NO. M2011-00304-SC-BPR-BP

ORDER OF ENFORCEMENT

This matter is before the Court upon a Petition for Discipline filed by Disciplinary Counsel against Respondent, Tony Lawrence Maples, on May 7, 2010; upon a Supplemental Petition for Discipline filed on July 20, 2010; upon the Order of Default Judgment regarding the Petition for Discipline entered by the Hearing Panel on September 1, 2010; upon the Judgment of the Hearing Panel filed on November 29, 2010; upon the approval of the Board of Professional Responsibility on December 10, 2010; and upon the entire record in this cause. Respondent has not appealed the Board's action.

From all of which the Court approves the recommendation of the Hearing Panel and adopts the judgment of the Hearing Panel as the Court's Order.

An Order of Temporary Suspension (M2009-02519-SC-BPR-BP) was entered on December 8, 2009 pursuant to Section 4.3 of Supreme Court Rule 9. Respondent has not filed a petition to dissolve the temporary suspension. Further, Respondent was suspended for CLE noncompliance on September 3, 2010 and suspended for failing to pay his professional privilege tax on December 3, 2010.

It is, therefore, **ORDERED, ADJUDGED** and **DECREED** by the Court,

1. That the Respondent, Tony Lawrence Maples, shall be disbarred pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 4.1.
2. That any future reinstatement of the Respondent to the practice of law be conditioned upon the successful completion of the Tennessee Bar Exam.
3. That the Respondent's temporary suspension, ordered on December 8, 2009, is hereby dissolved.

3. That, pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 24.3, the Respondent shall pay to the Board of Professional Responsibility the expenses and costs of this matter in the amount of \$895.00 and in addition, shall pay to the Clerk of this Court the costs incurred herein, within ninety (90) days from the entry of this order, for all of which execution may issue if necessary.

4. That the Respondent shall comply in all aspects with Rule 9, Section 18 of the Rules of the Supreme Court regarding the obligations and responsibilities of disbarred attorneys.

5. That the Board of Professional Responsibility shall cause notice of this discipline to be published as required by Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 18.10.

FOR THE COURT:

Cornelia A. Clark

CORNELIA A. CLARK
CHIEF JUSTICE

I, Cornelia A. Clark, hereby certify that
this is a true and exact copy of the original

filed in the cause.
This 14 day of Feb., 2011
CLERK OF COURT

By [Signature] D.C.