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ARIZONA LAWYER DISBARRED

On March 8, 2010, the Supreme Court of Tennessee disbarred Christopher Lawrence May of Arizona pursuant to Section 17 of Rule 9 of the Rules of the Tennessee Supreme Court. The Board of Professional Responsibility filed a Petition for Reciprocal Discipline with the Court after the Supreme Court of Arizona entered an order disbarring May from the practice of law effective June 29, 2009. May was disbarred by Order of the Supreme Court of Arizona for conduct in violation of his duties and obligations as a lawyer, and was ordered to pay a total of \$8,400.00 in restitution to four (4) individuals.

May failed to respond to a Notice entered by the Supreme Court of Tennessee on December 30, 2009 to show cause as to why the reciprocal discipline of disbarment under the conditions imposed by the Supreme Court of Arizona in cause SB-09-0036-D should not be imposed in Tennessee. Despite the Court's repeated attempts to effect personal service on May, service could not be verified due to May's apparent failure to comply with Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 20.5, which requires attorneys to notify the Board of Professional Responsibility of any change in an attorney's current residence or office address.

The Supreme Court of Tennessee further ordered May to reimburse the Board of Professional Responsibility for the costs and expenses of the proceeding, and pay to the Clerk of the Supreme Court the costs incurred.

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