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**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**  
**CHRISTOPHER LAWRENCE MAY, BPR NO. 019494**  
**CONTACT: CAROLYN MOORE**  
**BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY**  
**615-361-7500**

March 18, 2010

**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 disbaring 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.

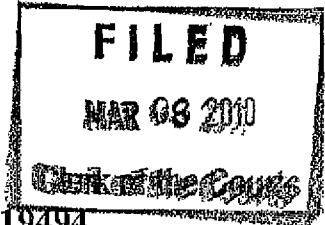
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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE  
AT NASHVILLE



**IN RE: CHRISTOPHER LAWRENCE MAY, BPR #019494**

Respondent, An Attorney Licensed to  
Practice Law in Tennessee

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No. M2009-02681-SC-BPR-BP

BOPR NO. 2009-1873-0-SG(17)

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**ORDER**

This matter is before the Court upon the Board of Professional Responsibility's Petition for Reciprocal Discipline pursuant to Section 17 of Supreme Court Rule 9.

On December 30, 2009, the Supreme Court entered a Notice for the Respondent to show cause, if any, 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. The Court has made repeated efforts to effect personal service on Respondent, but is currently unable to verify it has done so. It appears that Respondent has not complied with Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 20.5. The Respondent failed to respond to this Notice.

Therefore, after consideration of the entire file, the Court is of the opinion that the Petition is well taken and the reciprocal discipline as requested by the Board of Professional Responsibility is approved.

It is, therefore, ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED by the Court that:

1) The Respondent, Christopher Lawrence May, is disbarred from the practice of law in Tennessee under the conditions imposed by the Supreme Court of Arizona in cause SB-09-0036-D. A copy of the Order of the Supreme Court of Arizona is attached to this Order as Exhibit A.

2) The Respondent, Christopher Lawrence May, pursuant to Section 24.3 of Rule 9 of this Court, shall reimburse and pay to the Board of Professional Responsibility the costs and expenses of this proceeding in the amount of \$135.00; and, in addition, shall pay to the Clerk of this Court the costs incurred herein, for all of which execution shall issue, if necessary.

3) The Board of Professional Responsibility shall cause notice of this disbarment to be published in accordance with Tenn. R. Sup. Ct. 9, §18.10.

FOR THE COURT:

Cornelia A. Clark  
CORNELIA A. CLARK  
JUSTICE

**FILED**  
 JUN 29 2009  
 RACHELLE M. RESNICK  
 CLERK SUPREME COURT  
 BY CRZ

SUPREME COURT OF ARIZONA

IN THE MATTER OF A SUSPENDED MEMBER )  
 OF THE STATE BAR OF ARIZONA, )

Arizona Supreme Court  
 No. SB-09-0036-D

Disciplinary Commission  
 Nos. 08-1179, 08-1339

CHRISTOPHER L. MAY )  
 Bar No. 022583 )

RESPONDENT. )

**JUDGMENT AND ORDER**

This matter having come before the Disciplinary Commission of the Supreme Court of Arizona, it having duly rendered its decision, and no discretionary or *sua sponte* review occurring,

IT IS ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that CHRISTOPHER L. MAY, a suspended member of the State Bar of Arizona, is hereby disbarred from the practice of law, effective the date of this judgment and order, for conduct in violation of his duties and obligations as a lawyer, as disclosed in the Disciplinary Commission Report.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that CHRISTOPHER L. MAY shall pay restitution in the following amounts to the following individuals:

Dennis Verheijde	\$3,000.00
Bobby Smalley, Jr.	\$2,700.00
Christopher Gallego	\$1,900.00
Samantha Black	\$ 800.00
	<u>\$8,400.00</u>

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Respondent shall comply with all applicable provisions of Rule 72, Rules of the Supreme Court of Arizona, and shall promptly inform this Court of his compliance with this Order as provided in Rule 72(e).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Respondent shall comply with all rule provisions regarding reinstatement proceedings.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Respondent shall be assessed costs and expenses of the disciplinary proceedings as provided in Rule 60(b).

DATED this 29th day of June, 2009.

Rachelle M. Resnick  
 Rachelle M. Resnick  
 Clerk of the Court

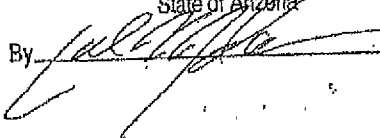
EXHIBIT  
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TO:

Christopher L. May, Respondent (Regular Mail and Certified Mail, Return Receipt)  
Edward W. Parker, Bar Counsel  
Harlan J. Crossman, Hearing Officer 8L  
Leticia V. D'Amore, Disciplinary Clerk (Cert. Copy)  
Sandra Montoya, Lawyer Regulation Records Manager, State Bar of Arizona (Cert. Copy)  
Perry Thompson, Director of Admissions, Supreme Court of the United States (Cert. Copy)  
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The foregoing instrument is a full, true and correct copy of the original on file in this office:

ATTEST  
Rachelle M. Resnick, Clerk of the Supreme Court  
State of Arizona

By  Deputy

Michael W. Catalano, Clerk, hereby certify that this is a true and exact copy of the original

Filed in the cause  
This 5 day of May, 2010  
CLERK OF COURT

By:  D.C.