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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: JAMES A. MEANEY, III. BPR# 13683
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June 2, 2014

GEORGIA LAWYER SUSPENDED

On June 2, 2014, James A. Meaney, III, of Dalton, Georgia, was suspended from the practice of law in Tennessee for eleven (11) months and twenty-nine (29) days, with three (3) months to be served as an active suspension and the remainder on probation, subject to several conditions including a practice monitor and compliance with state licensure rules.

The Board of Professional Responsibility filed a Petition for Discipline against Mr. Meaney containing four (4) complaints of misconduct. All of the complaints of ethical misconduct involve the unauthorized practice of law in Tennessee during periods of time when Mr. Meaney was suspended for failure to comply with continuing legal education requirements and failure to pay professional privilege taxes. Mr. Meaney continued to represent clients, sign and enter pleadings, and make appearances in court during these periods. Mr. Meaney did not respond to the disciplinary complaints, resulting in a temporary suspension from March 6, 2012 to December 3, 2013. Mr. Meaney appealed the decision of the Hearing Panel and the Chancery Court of Davidson County finding that suspension was appropriate. Mr. Meaney filed a notice of appeal to the Tennessee Supreme Court; however, the appeal was dismissed on May 1, 2014, due to his failure to pay the litigation tax and to respond to a show cause Order.

Mr. Meaney's ethical misconduct violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.4, Communication; 5.5, Unauthorized Practice of Law; 8.1(b), Bar Admission and Disciplinary Matters; and 8.4(a), (d) and (g), Misconduct.

Mr. Meaney must comply with the requirements of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Sections 18 and 19, concerning notice of his suspension and the procedure for reinstatement.

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