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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: GERARD THOMAS NEBEL, BPR# 5206
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NASHVILLE LAWYER SUSPENDED

On February 22, 2010, Gerard Thomas Nebel, of Nashville, Tennessee, was suspended by Order of the Tennessee Supreme Court for a period of six (6) months and for an indefinite period thereafter until full payment of restitution. Mr. Nebel must also pay the Board's costs and expenses. The suspension is effective ten (10) days from the entry of the Order.

The Board of Professional Responsibility filed a Petition for Discipline against Mr. Nebel pursuant to Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9. A Hearing Panel found that Mr. Nebel failed to pay an expert witness after being provided \$3,000.00 by his client expressly for that purpose. Further, the Panel found that while representing Benefit Consulting Alliance, LLC, Mr. Nebel solicited a personal loan from the owner of the company in the amount of \$13,000.00 which he failed to repay. Mr. Nebel failed to comply with the terms of the promissory note he signed. The Hearing Panel determined that each complainant was entitled to full restitution.

Mr. Nebel's actions violate the following Rule(s) of Professional Conduct: 1.15, Safekeeping of Property, and 8.4(a)(c)(d), Misconduct.

Mr. Nebel must comply with Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Sections 18 and 19, regarding the obligations and responsibilities of suspended attorneys

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