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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
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NASHVILLE LAWYER SUSPENDED

On October 27, 2008, Ronald K. Nevin, of Nashville, Tennessee, was suspended for six (6) months by Order of the Tennessee Supreme Court.

The Board of Professional Responsibility filed a Petition for Discipline against Ronald K. Nevin pursuant to Rule 9 of the Rules of the Supreme Court of Tennessee relating to three complaints. Mr. Nevin served as the public guardian in Davidson County. As public guardian, he managed the financial and personal affairs of people under conservatorships or guardianships. Mr. Nevin improperly transferred money from his trust account to a conservatorship account, failed to preserve the identity of the ward's money, improperly retained interest owed to the ward's account, and commingled trust fund accounts. Further, in a second matter, he failed to act with reasonable diligence and promptness by failing to file an accurate inventory of the ward's assets and by misrepresenting the value of the client's estate to the probate court. In the third matter, Mr. Nevin failed to act with reasonable diligence and promptness by failing to safeguard a minor's assets resulting in a tax sale of the minor's property.

A Hearing Panel recommended that Mr. Nevin be suspended for six (6) months. Mr. Nevin appealed the Hearing Panel's recommendation by filing a Writ of Certiorari to the Chancery Court of Davidson County. The Chancery Court affirmed the Hearing Panel's decision. Mr. Nevin appealed to the Supreme Court. The Supreme Court affirmed the Chancery Court's judgment.

Mr. Nevin's actions violate the following Disciplinary Rules: 1-102(A)(1) - Misconduct; 6-101(A)(3) - Failing to Act Competently; 7-101(A)(1) - Representing a Client Zealously; and 9-102(A)(B)(3) - Preserving Identity and Funds of a Client.

Mr. Nevin must comply with Section 18 of Rule 9, Rules of the Supreme Court, regarding the obligations and responsibilities of suspended attorneys.

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