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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: WILLIAM NEWTON, BPR# 6197
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MEMPHIS LAWYER SUSPENDED

On September 24, 2010, William Newton of Memphis, Tennessee, was suspended by the Tennessee Supreme Court for a period of one (1) year, retroactive eleven (11) months from the date of the Court's Order, pursuant to Rule 9, Section 4.2, of the Rules of the Supreme Court.

Mr. Newton failed to respond to the Petition for Discipline filed against him and the allegations in the Petition were deemed admitted. Mr. Newton violated disciplinary rules by failing to respond to the requests of Disciplinary Counsel, making misleading statements to the Court and failing to abide by Court orders. Mr. Newton's actions violated Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 8, Rules of Professional Conduct 3.3 (Candor Toward the Tribunal), 3.4 (Fairness to Opposing Party and Counsel), 8.1 (Bar Admission and Disciplinary Matters) and 8.4 (Misconduct).

Mr. Newton was furthered ordered to pay the expenses and costs of the disciplinary proceedings against him, pursuant to Rule 9, Section 4.7, of the Rules of the Supreme Court and fully comply in all respects with the requirements and obligations of suspended attorneys as set forth in Rule 9, Section 18.1 of the Rules of the Supreme Court.

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