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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: CLARENCE W. PHILLIPS, BPR #3678
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BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY
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November 1, 2010

BEDFORD COUNTY LAWYER SUSPENDED

On October 26, 2010, Clarence W. Phillips of Shelbyville, Tennessee, was suspended from the practice of law for sixty (60) days by the Tennessee Supreme Court. The suspension shall become effective on November 5, 2010.

The Board of Professional Responsibility filed a Petition for Discipline against Clarence W. Phillips pursuant to Rule 9 of the Rules of the Supreme Court of Tennessee. Mr. Phillips submitted a Conditional Guilty Plea agreeing to accept a sixty (60) day suspension. Mr. Phillips violated the Rules of Professional Conduct by sending a direct mail solicitation to a prospective client in violation of RPC 7.3. Mr. Phillips failed to ensure that the phrase "this is an advertisement" was located on the envelope of his solicitation letter.

His actions violate the following Rule(s) of Professional Conduct: 7.3, Solicitation and Other Communication Directed to Specifically Identified Recipients and 8.4, Misconduct. Mr. Phillips is required to pay the costs of the disciplinary proceedings.

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE

IN RE: CLARENCE W. PHILLIPS, BPR #3678

An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee
(Bedford County)

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Clerk of the Courts

No. M2010-02225-SC-BPO-BP
BOPR No. 2010-1915-4-KH

ORDER OF ENFORCEMENT

This matter is before the Court upon a Petition for Discipline filed on April 7, 2010 by the Board of Professional Responsibility ("Board") against Clarence W. Phillips ("Respondent"); upon Response to Petition filed by Respondent on May 11, 2010; upon a Conditional Guilty Plea filed by Respondent on October 6, 2010; upon Order Recommending Approval of Conditional Guilty Plea entered by a Hearing Panel on October 12, 2010; upon approval by the Board on October 20, 2010; and upon the entire record in this cause.

From all of which the Court approves the recommendation of the Hearing Panel and accepts the Conditional Guilty Plea:

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

1. Respondent, Clarence W. Phillips, shall be and is hereby suspended from the practice of law for sixty (60) days pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 4.2.
2. The suspension shall become effective ten (10) days after the filing of this Order.
3. Pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 24.3, the Respondent shall pay to the Board of Professional Responsibility the expenses and costs of this matter in the amount of \$315.00, and in addition, shall pay to the Clerk of this Court the costs incurred herein, within thirty (30) days of the entry of this Order, for all of which execution may issue if necessary.

4. Respondent shall comply in all aspects with Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 18, regarding the obligations and responsibilities of suspended attorneys.

5. The Board shall cause notice of this suspension to be published as required by Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 18.10.

FOR THE COURT:

Cornelia A. Clark
CORNELIA A. CLARK
CHIEF JUSTICE

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

filed in the cause.
This 20 day of Oct, 2010
CLERK OF COURT

By: [Signature]