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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: JAMES S. POWELL, BPR# 015619
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May 9, 2013

HARDIN COUNTY ATTORNEY SUSPENDED

On May 9, 2013, James S. Powell of Savannah, Tennessee, was suspended for two years by the Tennessee Supreme Court pursuant to Rule 9, Section 4.2, of the Rules of the Supreme Court. Additionally, Mr. Powell was ordered to pay restitution to a former client in the amount of \$750.00 pursuant to Rule 9, Section 4.7, of the Rules of the Supreme Court.

Mr. Powell caused several overdrafts to occur to his client trust account and neglected the representation of a former client, causing the former client's case to be dismissed for failure to prosecute. Mr. Powell also failed to respond to the Board of Professional Responsibility concerning complaints that had been filed against him.

By these acts, Mr. Powell violated Rules 1.3 (diligence), 1.4 (communication), 1.16 (terminating representation), 3.2 (expediting litigation), 8.1 (bar admission and disciplinary matters), and 8.4(a), (c), and (d) (misconduct) of the Rules of Professional Conduct.

Mr. Powell was further ordered to pay the expenses and costs of the disciplinary proceedings against him pursuant to Rule 9, Section 24.3, 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, of the Rules of the Supreme Court.

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