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NASHVILLE LAWYER SUSPENDED

On March 22, 2011, Fernando Jose Ramos, of Nashville, Tennessee, was suspended for three (3) years by Order of the Tennessee Supreme Court. This suspension will become effective on April 1, 2011.

The Board of Professional Responsibility filed a Petition for Discipline against Fernando Jose Ramos pursuant to Rule 9 of the Rules of the Supreme Court of Tennessee alleging that Mr. Ramos violated rules of professional conduct. Specifically, Mr. Ramos was held in contempt for failing to follow an order requiring him to reimburse the Administrative Office of the Court for interpreter's fees and to provide proof of payment to the court. Further, Mr. Ramos failed to properly supervise non-lawyer assistants and failed to communicate with his clients. Mr. Ramos entered into a conditional guilty plea agreeing to a suspension of three (3) years.

Mr. Ramos' actions violate the following Rules of Professional Conduct: 1.1, Competence; 1.3, Diligence; 1.4, Communication; 1.5(a), Fees; 1.16(d), Declining and Terminating Representation; 3.2, Expediting Litigation; 5.3, Responsibilities Regarding Non-lawyer Assistants; and 8.4, Misconduct.

In addition to the suspension imposed by the Supreme Court on March 22, 2011, Mr. Ramos is also serving an earlier suspension imposed by the Court on July 8, 2009.

Mr. Ramos 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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