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**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**  
**RE: JAMES L. RATHER, BPR# 019722**  
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**KNOXVILLE ATTORNEY DISBARRED**

On February 9, 2012, the Tennessee Supreme Court entered an Order disbaring James L. Rather from the practice of law.

On November 18, 2011, the Board of Professional Responsibility filed a petition for reciprocal discipline pursuant to Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 17, based upon his disbarment by the Supreme Court of California. The State Bar Court of California determined that Mr. Rather had misappropriated funds that had been given to him to hold in trust. Further, the Court determined that Mr. Rather failed to return unearned legal fees.

Mr. Rather must comply with Sections 18 and 19 of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9 regarding the obligations and responsibilities of disbarred attorneys.

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