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**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**  
**RE: ROBERT P. RAYBURN, BPR# 6557**  
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September 29, 2010

**CHATTANOOGA LAWYER SUSPENDED**

On September 24, 2010, Robert P. Rayburn of Chattanooga, Tennessee, was suspended by the Tennessee Supreme Court for a period of one (1) year pursuant to Rule 9, Section 4.2, of the Rules of the Supreme Court.

Mr. Rayburn failed to properly administer and close an estate and was subsequently held in contempt of court due to his inability to provide the documentation necessary to close the estate. Mr. Rayburn's actions violated Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 8, Rules of Professional 1.1 (Competence), 1.3 (Diligence) and 8.4 (Misconduct).

Mr. Rayburn 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. Mr. Rayburn was previously disbarred by Order of the Supreme Court on December 1, 2009.

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