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**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**  
**RE: ROBERT P. RAYBURN, BPR# 6557**  
**CONTACT: RANDALL J. SPIVEY**  
**BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY**  
**615-361-7500**

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.

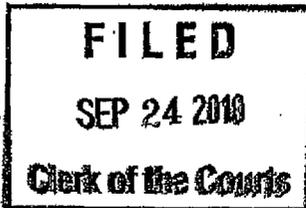
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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE  
AT NASHVILLE



**IN RE: ROBERT P. RAYBURN, BPR # 006557**

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

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No. M2010-02007-SE-RPO-RP  
BOPR No. 2008-1744-3(C)-RS

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**ORDER OF ENFORCEMENT**

This matter is before the Court upon a Petition for Discipline filed by Disciplinary Counsel against Respondent, Robert P. Rayburn, on March 24, 2008; upon a Response to the Petition for Discipline filed on August 4, 2008; upon the Judgment of the Hearing Panel entered on April 13, 2009; upon a Petition for Certiorari filed on June 12, 2009; upon an Order of the Circuit Court of Hamilton County dismissing the Petition for Certiorari entered on July 22, 2010; and upon the entire record in this cause.

From all of which the Court approves the recommendation of the Hearing Panel and adopts the Judgment of the Hearing Panel as the Court's Order.

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

1. That the Respondent, Robert P. Rayburn, shall be suspended for one (1) year pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 4.2.

2. By Order entered on December 1, 2009, in Case No. E2008-01383-SC-R3-BP, Mr. Rayburn was disbarred from the practice of law based on the finding of a prior Hearing Panel that Mr. Rayburn knowingly and repeatedly deprived his clients of funds to which they were entitled, commingled his client's settlement proceeds with his own personal funds and failed to be forthcoming with his clients as to when the funds owed them would be paid. The entry of this Order does not affect the continuing validity of the prior disbarment, but reflects additional discipline imposed for separate offenses.

3. That, 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 \$1,650.83, and in addition, shall pay to the Clerk of this Court the costs incurred herein, within ninety (90) days from the entry of this order, for all of which execution may issue if necessary.

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

5. That the Board of Professional Responsibility shall cause notice of this discipline 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 *24* day of *Sept*, 20*10*  
CLERK OF COURT

By: *[Signature]*