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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: FRANCIS XAVIER SANTORE, JR., BPR# 11315
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GREENEVILLE LAWYER SUSPENDED

On July 23, 2010, Francis Xavier Santore of Greeneville, Tennessee, was suspended from the practice of law for thirty-three (33) months by the Tennessee Supreme Court. Of the thirty-three (33) months, Mr. Santore will be required to serve forty-five (45) days as an active suspension with the remainder to be served on probation. Mr. Santore will be required to remain compliant with the Tennessee Lawyers Assistance Program ("TLAP") for the entire period of probation.

A Petition for Discipline was filed on November 19, 2009, based upon a media report and a self-report of disciplinary misconduct. On November 25, 2008, Mr. Santore appeared for a trial and learned that the opposing party intended to contest the matter. Mr. Santore became irate. He threw a cup of coffee across the courtroom, cursed loudly, and then left the courtroom. As he went down the stairs toward the lobby, Mr. Santore pulled a handrail from the stairwell causing damage to the courthouse. Mr. Santore was criminally charged with vandalism under \$500.00. On March 27, 2009, he was sentenced to eleven (11) months, twenty-nine (29) days in jail, with all time suspended on unsupervised probation. Mr. Santore was ordered to continue to remain compliant with his TLAP monitoring agreement and continue mental health counseling.

Mr. Santore's actions violate the following Rules of Professional Conduct: 8.4(a)(b) and (d), Misconduct.

Mr. Santore must comply with Section 18 of Rule 9, Rules of the Supreme Court, regarding the obligations and responsibilities of suspended attorneys. He must pay the Board's costs and expenses prior to reinstatement to the practice of law.

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