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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: MICHAEL S. SHIPWASH, BPR# 19173
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KNOXVILLE LAWYER SUSPENDED

On April 15, 2011, Michael S. Shipwash of Knoxville, Tennessee, was suspended by the Tennessee Supreme Court for a period of one (1) year with all time probated pursuant to Rule 9, Section 8.5, of the Rules of the Supreme Court. During the pendency of his probation, Mr. Shipwash must attend ten (10) hours of Continuing Legal Education above the hours normally required, employ a law practice monitor and pay restitution to a former client in the amount of \$141,000.00.

Mr. Shipwash violated disciplinary rules by failing to competently and diligently represent his client, by failing to protect a client under a disability from abuse from her fiduciary, and by taking an unreasonable fee. Mr. Shipwash's actions violated Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 8, Rules of Professional Conduct 1.1 (Competence), 1.3 (Diligence), 1.5 (Fees), 1.8 (Conflict of Interest: Prohibited Transactions), and 1.14 (Client Under a Disability).

Mr. Shipwash 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.

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