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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: THOMAS V. SMITH, BPR# 11686
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JACKSON LAWYER SUSPENDED

On March 29, 2010, Thomas V. Smith of Jackson, 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, the imposition of which is suspended in conjunction with a one (1) year period of probation. During the probationary period, Mr. Smith must obtain three (3) hours of continuing legal education over and above the hours normally required and engage the services of a practice monitor.

Mr. Smith violated disciplinary rules by engaging in a business transaction with his client without properly informing his client of a conflict of interest. Mr. Smith's actions violated Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 8, Rules of Professional Conduct 1.7 (Conflict of Interest: General Rule) and 1.8 (Conflict of Interest: Prohibited Transactions).

Mr. Smith 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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