



**BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY  
OF THE  
SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE**

10 CADILLAC DRIVE, SUITE 220  
BRENTWOOD, TENNESSEE 37027  
TELEPHONE: (615) 361-7500  
(800) 486-5714  
FA24: (615) 367-2480  
E-MAIL: [ethics@tbpr.org](mailto:ethics@tbpr.org)  
Website: [www.tbpr.org](http://www.tbpr.org)

**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**  
**RE: THOMAS ALAN SNAPP, BPR #13962**  
**CONTACT: ALAN D. JOHNSON**  
**BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY**  
**615-361-7500**

July 22, 2016

**SULLIVAN COUNTY LAWYER SUSPENDED**

On July 21, 2016, the Supreme Court of Tennessee suspended the law license of Thomas Alan Snapp of Sullivan County, Tennessee, for five (5) years and ordered Mr. Snapp to pay the Board's costs and expenses.

The Board of Professional Responsibility filed a Petition for Discipline against Thomas Alan Snapp on April 7, 2015, based upon two (2) complaints of misconduct alleging misappropriation, unauthorized practice of law and misconduct. After he was administratively suspended from the practice of law, Mr. Snapp undertook representation in a personal injury/wrongful death lawsuit. He associated with another lawyer to assist in the case; however, he did not tell his client or the other lawyer of his suspension. After the case had settled, Mr. Snapp misappropriated \$50,000.00 from his client and led co-counsel to believe that his client had been paid in full. Several months later, his co-counsel discovered that Mr. Snapp was suspended and had not paid their client the full amount owed. After he was confronted, Mr. Snapp re-paid the funds and disgorged the fees he took for the representation.

A Hearing Panel held that Mr. Snapp's ethical misconduct violates Rules of Professional Conduct 1.15 (safekeeping property and funds), 5.5 (unauthorized practice of law) and 8.4 (c) (misconduct).

Mr. Snapp must comply with the requirements of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 28 (2014) and Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 30.4 (2014), regarding the obligations and responsibilities of suspended attorneys and the procedure for reinstatement. The Supreme Court's Order is effective immediately.