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NASHVILLE LAWYER DISBARRED

On January 26, 2010, Michael H. Sneed of Nashville, Tennessee, was disbarred by the Tennessee Supreme Court pursuant to Rule 9, Section 4.1, of the Rules of the Supreme Court. The Supreme Court affirmed the Hearing Panel's ruling after a hearing on a Petition for Discipline and two (2) Supplemental Petitions for Discipline filed by the Board of Professional Responsibility against Mr. Sneed.

Mr. Sneed violated disciplinary rules by neglecting client cases; failing to keep clients informed; failing to explain his potential conflict of interest to clients; failing to respond to the Board of Professional Responsibility's requests for information; committing trust account violations; failing to safeguard funds; and assisting non-attorneys in the unauthorized practice of law. Mr. Sneed's actions violated Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 8, Rules of Professional Conduct 1.3 (diligence); 1.4 (communication); 1.7 (conflicts); 1.15 (safeguarding property); 5.3 (responsibilities regarding non-lawyer assistants); 5.4 (professional independence); 5.5 (unauthorized practice); 8.1 (disciplinary matters) and 8.4 (misconduct).

Mr. Sneed was 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 to fully comply in all respects with the requirements and obligations of disbarred attorneys as set forth in Rule 9, Section 18.1 of the Rules of the Supreme Court.

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