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**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**  
**RE: MICHAEL SNEED, BPR #11141**  
**CONTACT: RANDALL J. SPIVEY**  
**BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY**  
**615-361-7500**

July 21, 2011

**DAVIDSON COUNTY LAWYER DISBARRED**

On July 15, 2011, Michael Sneed of Madison, Tennessee was disbarred by the Tennessee Supreme Court pursuant to Rule 9, Section 4.1 of the Rules of the Supreme Court.

The Board of Professional Responsibility filed a Petition for Discipline, a Supplemental Petition for Discipline and a Second Supplemental Petition for Discipline against Mr. Sneed pursuant to Rule 9 of the Rules of the Supreme Court of Tennessee. A Hearing Panel heard the matter and recommended that Mr. Sneed be disbarred and that recommendation was adopted by the Supreme Court. Mr. Sneed violated the Rules of Professional Conduct by failing to diligently represent clients, failing to properly communicate with clients, failing to provide competent representation to clients, making misrepresentations to clients and misappropriating client funds. Mr. Sneed violated Disciplinary Rules 1.1 (Competence), 1.3 (Diligence), 1.4 (Communication), 1.5 (Fees), 1.7 (Conflict of Interest), 1.8 (Conflict of Interest: Prohibited Transactions), 1.9 (Conflict of Interest: Former Client), 1.15 (Safekeeping Property), 1.16 (Declining and Terminating Representation), 3.2 (Expediting Litigation), 5.5 (Unauthorized Practice of Law), 8.1 (Bar Admission and Disciplinary Matters), 8.4 (Misconduct).

Mr. Sneed was further 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 disbarred attorneys as set forth in Rule 9, Section 18.1 of the Rules of the Supreme Court.

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE  
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Clerk of the Courts

**IN RE: MICHAEL H. SNEED, BPR # 011141**  
An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee  
(Davidson County)

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NO. M2011-01514-SC-BPO-BP

BOPR No. 2009-1825-5-RS

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**ORDER OF ENFORCEMENT**

This matter is before the Court upon a Petition for Discipline filed by Disciplinary Counsel against Respondent, Michael H. Sneed, on July 22, 2009; upon an Answer to the Petition for Discipline filed on August 24, 2009; upon a Supplemental Petition for Discipline filed by the Disciplinary Counsel on October 1, 2009; upon an Answer to the Supplemental Petition for Discipline filed on November 19, 2009; upon a Second Supplemental Petition for Discipline filed on September 1, 2010; upon the Order of Default Judgment entered by the Hearing Panel on September 29, 2010; upon the Hearing Panel's Judgment entered on November 15, 2010; upon the Board's approval of the Judgment of the Hearing Panel on December 10, 2010; and upon the entire record in this cause.

From all of which the Court approves the recommendation of the Hearing Panel and adopts the judgment of the Hearing Panel as the Court's Order.

By Order (M2009-00361-SC-BPO-BP) of this Court entered on February 24, 2009, the Respondent was suspended from the practice of law for eighteen (18) months. Respondent has not filed a petition for reinstatement. Further, Respondent was disbarred by Order (M2009-00720-SC-R3-CV) of this Court on January 26, 2010.

It is, therefore, **ORDERED, ADJUDGED** and **DECREED** by the Court,

1. That the Respondent, Michael H. Sneed, shall be disbarred pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 4.1.
2. As a conditional precedent to reinstatement to the practice of law, the Respondent is ordered to pay restitution as follows:

Blanca Corpeno	\$1,100.00
James and LaTonya Blue	\$500.00
Edgar Lara	\$2,500.00
Fitnat Carter	\$167.50
Abigail Ramos	\$3,500.00
Elbia Romero	\$600.00.

3. That, pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 24.3, the Respondent shall pay to the Board of Professional Responsibility the expenses and costs of this matter in the amount of \$2,183.85, and in addition, shall pay to the Clerk of this Court the costs incurred herein, within ninety (90) days from the entry of this order, for all of which execution may issue if necessary.

4. That the Respondent shall comply in all aspects with Rule 9, §18 of the Rules of the Supreme Court regarding the obligations and responsibilities of disbarred attorneys.

5. That the Board of Professional Responsibility shall cause notice of this discipline to be published as required by Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 18.10.

FOR THE COURT:

Cornelia A. Clark  
CORNELIA A. CLARK  
CHIEF JUSTICE

I, Michael W. Catalano, Clerk, hereby certify that  
this is a true and exact copy of the original

filed in the cause.  
This 15 day of July, 2014  
CLERK OF COURT  
BY: Michael W. Catalano C.C.