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**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**  
**RE: CHARLES E. STANBERY, JR., BPR# 21268**  
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**BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY**  
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May 23, 2011

**CHATTANOOGA LAWYER DISBARRED**

On May 18, 2011, Charles E. Stanbery, Jr., of Chattanooga, Tennessee, was disbarred by Order of the Tennessee Supreme Court. He was further ordered to pay restitution to eleven (11) former clients.

The Board of Professional Responsibility filed a Petition for Discipline against Mr. Stanbery pursuant to Rule 9 of the Rules of the Supreme Court of Tennessee. A Hearing Panel determined that Mr. Stanbery abandoned his practice. In several cases, Mr. Stanbery took legal fees knowing that he was prohibited from taking new cases while he was suspended from the practice of law. Mr. Stanbery neglected cases by failing to communicate with his clients and by failing to diligently pursue their cases. Additionally, Mr. Stanbery's trust account was overdrawn on five (5) separate occasions. Further, Mr. Stanbery was found to be in contempt by the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Tennessee. The Court gave him an opportunity to purge the contempt; however, Mr. Stanbery failed to appear at any subsequent court dates.

His actions violate the following Rule(s) of Professional Conduct: 1.1, Competence; 1.3, Diligence; 1.4, Communication; 8.1, Bar Admission and Disciplinary Matters; and 8.4, Misconduct.

Mr. Stanbery must comply with the requirements of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Sections 18 and 19, should he seek reinstatement of his Tennessee law license, and he may not resume practice until reinstated by further order of this Court.

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