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**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**  
**RE: CHARLES E. STANBERY, JR., BPR# 21268**  
**CONTACT: KRISANN HODGES**  
**BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY**  
**615-361-7500**

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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IN RE: CHARLES E. STANBERY, JR., BPR #21268  
An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee  
(Hamilton County)

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NASHVILLE

NO. M2011-01095-SC-BPO-BP  
BOPR Nos. 2010-1957-3-KH

**ORDER OF ENFORCEMENT**

This matter is before the Court upon a Petition for Discipline filed on August 8, 2010 by the Board of Professional Responsibility ("Board") against Charles E. Stanbery ("Respondent"); upon a Motion for Default Judgment and That Allegations in the Petition Be Deemed Admitted filed by the Board on October 22, 2010; upon an Order of Default entered by the Hearing Panel on December 10, 2010; upon a hearing held on December 17, 2010; upon a Judgment entered by the Hearing Panel on February 14, 2011; upon service of the Judgment on Respondent sent by the Board on February 14, 2011; upon consideration and approval by the Board on March 11, 2011; upon expiration of the time to appeal with no appeal taken; and upon the entire record in this cause.

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

By Order entered on April 14, 2010, in Case No. M2010-00808-SC-BPR-BP, the Respondent was temporarily suspended pursuant to Section 4.3 of Rule 9 for failure to respond to a complaint of disciplinary misconduct. To date, Respondent has not requested, nor been granted, reinstatement.

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

1. Respondent, Charles E. Stanbery, shall be and is hereby disbarred from the practice of law pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 4.1.
2. Pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 4.7, Respondent shall pay restitution to the following individuals. Payment of restitution shall be a condition precedent to reinstatement.

- a. Sherry Jeffrey: \$1,050.00
- b. Yoko Thomas: \$1,050.00
- c. Khendra Jordan: \$1,500.00
- d. Stacy Malone: \$1,250.00
- e. Shannon Leeth: \$750.00
- f. Kelly Payne: \$1,007.50
- g. Leslie Marsh: \$200.00
- h. Jody Jenkins: \$1,500.00
- i. Howard Hughes, Sr.: \$2,000.00
- j. Steven McRoy: total fees paid to Respondent but not refunded as of the date of the Order.
- k. Eric Slaughter: total fees paid to Respondent but not refunded as of the date of the Order.

3. This disbarment shall become effective ten (10) days after the filing of this Order.

4. By Order entered on April 14, 2010, in Case No. M2010-00808-SC-BPR-BP, the Respondent was temporarily suspended pursuant to Section 4.3 of Rule 9. To date, Respondent has not requested, nor been granted, reinstatement. Upon entry of this Order, the temporary suspension shall be dissolved.

5. Respondent shall comply in all aspects with Supreme Court Rule 9, Sections 18 and 19 regarding the obligations and responsibilities of disbarred attorneys and the procedure for reinstatement.

6. 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 \$1,470.00 and in addition, shall pay to the Clerk of this Court the costs incurred herein, within ninety (90) days of the entry of this Order, for all of which execution may issue if necessary.

7. The Board shall cause notice of this disbarment to be published as required by Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 18.10.

FOR THE COURT:

*Cornelia A. Clark*

CORNELIA A. CLARK  
CHIEF JUSTICE

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

Filed in the cause:

This 28 day of May 2011  
CLERK OF COURT

By: *[Signature]* D.C.