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IN DISCIPLINARY DISTRICT III  
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BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY  
OF THE  
SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE

IN RE: CHARLES E. STANBERRY, JR., BPR NO. 21268      FILE NO. 33434-3-RW  
Respondent, an attorney licensed  
to practice law in Tennessee  
(Hamilton County)

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The above complaint was filed against Charles E. Stanberry, Jr., an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, alleging certain acts of misconduct. Pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 9, the Board of Professional Responsibility considered these matters at its meeting on March 11, 2011.

The client hired Respondent to file probate for his deceased wife and paid him approximately \$2,000. Respondent opened the estate in December 2007, but provided no other legal services, closed his office and thereafter couldn't be found by the client. The client had to finalize the probate matter himself. The Clerk of Court stated that from December 15, 2008 until Respondent's license was suspended in April 2010, she attempted to contact Respondent numerous times, both in writing and by phone to get the estate closed, but she was unsuccessful. The Clerk had Respondent come into her office, gave him all of the documents necessary to close the estate, but he failed to take action. Respondent failed to respond to the Board regarding this complaint. Respondent was disbarred on February 14, 2011, for similar conduct.

By his conduct, Respondent has violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.1 (competence), 1.3 (diligence), 1.4 (communication), 1.5 (fees) and 8.1(b) (failure to respond to

disciplinary counsel).

FOR THE BOARD OF  
PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

*Lela Hollabaugh*

Lela M. Hollabaugh, Chair

*April 17, 2011*

Date