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WILLIAMSON COUNTY LAWYER SUSPENDED

On October 14, 2010, the Supreme Court of Tennessee suspended Parrish B. Stanton for eighteen (18) months, retroactive to January 26, 2009. On January 26, 2009, Mr. Stanton was temporarily suspended for failing to respond to the Board regarding complaints of misconduct. The temporary suspension has remained in effect until present.

On November 19, 2009, a Petition for Discipline was filed against Mr. Stanton containing two (2) complaints of disciplinary misconduct. In the first complaint, Mr. Stanton failed to adequately communicate with a client or provide confirmation that he had performed the work he was hired to complete. For approximately two (2) months, the client tried to contact Mr. Stanton by phone, letter, and office visits. Mr. Stanton's phone numbers had been disconnected and he appeared to have abandoned his office. In the second complaint, Mr. Stanton failed to properly communicate with the beneficiary of a special needs trust. Mr. Stanton failed to provide information regarding the location of the account, confirmation of a deposit, funds available to pay for medical treatment, and confirmation that title to a van had been transferred to the trust. Mr. Stanton entered into a Conditional Guilty Plea providing that he would be suspended for eighteen (18) months, retroactively applied to the date of temporary suspension. He also agreed to pay restitution to the complainants.

Mr. Stanton's actions violate the following Rules of Professional Conduct: 1.1, Competence; 1.3, Diligence; 1.4, Communication; 1.5(a), Fees; 1.15(b), Safekeeping Property; and 8.4(a), Misconduct.

Mr. Stanton must comply with Sections 18 and 19 of Supreme Court Rule 9 regarding the obligations and responsibilities of suspended attorneys and the procedure for reinstatement. He must meet all delinquent Continuing Legal Education requirements, pay restitution, and pay the Board's costs and expenses prior to reinstatement to the practice of law.

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