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**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**  
**PARRISH STANTON, BPR# 17160**  
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**BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY**  
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October 21, 2010

**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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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE  
AT NASHVILLE

**IN RE: PARRISH B. STANTON, BPR #17160**  
An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee  
(Williamson County)

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NO. M2010-02134-SC-BPR-BP  
BOPR No. 2009-1858-6-KH

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**ORDER OF ENFORCEMENT**

This matter is before the Court upon a Petition for Discipline filed on November 19, 2009 by the Board of Professional Responsibility ("Board") against Parrish B. Stanton ("Respondent"); upon an Answer filed by Respondent on March 1, 2010; upon a Conditional Guilty Plea filed by Respondent on July 14, 2010; upon entry by the Hearing Panel of an Order Recommending Approval of Conditional Guilty Plea on July 19, 2010; upon approval by the Board of Professional Responsibility on September 10, 2010; and upon the entire record in this cause.

From all of which the Court approves the recommendation of the Hearing Panel and accepts the Conditional Guilty Plea.

An Order of Temporary Suspension (M2009-00130-SC-BPR-BP) was entered on January 26, 2009 pursuant to Section 4.3 of Supreme Court Rule 9. Respondent has not filed a petition to dissolve the temporary suspension. Further, Respondent was suspended for CLE noncompliance on August 29, 2008.

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

1. Respondent, Parrish B. Stanton, shall be and is hereby suspended from the practice of law for eighteen (18) months pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 4.2. The suspension shall be retroactive to the date of temporary suspension, January 26, 2009.

2. Pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 4.7, Respondent shall pay restitution to the following individuals as set forth below. Payment of restitution shall be a condition precedent to reinstatement.

- a) Patrick Coghlan - \$3,000.00
- b) MaryCarol McDonough - \$1,500.00

3. Upon entry of this Order, the Order of Temporary Suspension entered on January 26, 2009 is hereby dissolved.

4. Respondent shall comply in all aspects with Supreme Court Rule 9, Sections 18 and 19 regarding the obligations and responsibilities of suspended attorneys and the procedure for reinstatement. Further, Respondent must meet all CLE requirements prior to reinstatement.

5. 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 \$575.00, 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.

6. The terms contained within this Order of Enforcement shall become effective ten (10) days after entry of the Order.

7. The Board shall cause notice of this suspension 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 19 day of Oct, 2010  
CLERK OF COURT

By: *[Signature]*