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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: JEFFREY A. STINNETT, BPR# 12814
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CHATTANOOGA LAWYER SUSPENDED

On August 15, 2011, Jeffrey A. Stinnett, of Chattanooga, Tennessee, was suspended by Order of the Tennessee Supreme Court for a period of two (2) years, with six months served as an active suspension and the remaining eighteen (18) months to be served on probation. The active suspension shall commence on September 1, 2011. Mr. Stinnett was ordered to engage a practice monitor during his probationary period and to contact the Tennessee Lawyer's Assistance Program. Mr. Stinnett is required to pay restitution to two (2) former clients and to pay the Board's costs of the disciplinary proceeding.

The Board of Professional Responsibility filed a Petition for Discipline on September 7, 2010 containing three (3) complaints of disciplinary misconduct alleging that Mr. Stinnett failed to inform clients that he was temporarily suspended. He continued to practice law and accept fees during his suspension. Additionally, Mr. Stinnett continued to practice law after being temporarily suspended by appearing before the Juvenile Court of Hamilton County. Mr. Stinnett did not refund legal fees despite being unable to perform any work on the cases.

His actions violate the following Rule(s) of Professional Conduct: 1.3, Diligence; 1.4, Communication; 1.16(d), Declining and Terminating Representation; 3.2, Expediting Litigation; 3.4(c), Fairness to Opposing Party; 5.5(a), and 8.4(c)(d).

Mr. Stinnett must comply with the requirements of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 18, regarding the responsibilities and obligations of suspended attorneys.

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