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**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**  
**RE: EDWARD L. SWINGER, BPR# 14162**  
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**BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY**  
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January 24, 2011

**NASHVILLE LAWYER SUSPENDED**

On January 18, 2011, the Tennessee Supreme Court suspended Edward L. Swinger, of Nashville, Tennessee, for two (2) years with all time probated subject to several conditions. Mr. Swinger must have no further substantiated cases of disciplinary misconduct and he must attend six (6) additional hours of continuing legal education in the subject of legal ethics and professionalism. Mr. Swinger is also ordered to pay the Board's costs in this matter.

The Board of Professional Responsibility filed a Petition for Discipline against Mr. Swinger pursuant to Rule 9 of the Rules of the Supreme Court of Tennessee. Mr. Swinger entered a Conditional Guilty Plea which was accepted and approved by a Hearing Panel. The Petition for Discipline was based upon an incident of domestic violence between Mr. Swinger and the mother of his child. Mr. Swinger was initially charged with several criminal offenses following the altercation. Two (2) of the charges were dismissed and another was eventually retired.

Mr. Swinger's actions violate Rule 8.4 of the Rules of Professional Conduct.

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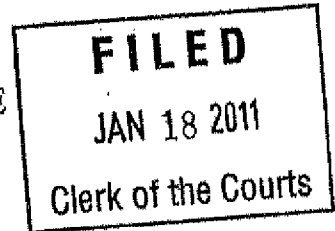
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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE  
AT NASHVILLE

IN RE: EDWARD L. SWINGER, BPR #14162  
An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee  
(Davidson County)



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NO. M2011-00108-SC-BPO-BP  
BOPR No. 2009-1859-5-KH

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**ORDER OF ENFORCEMENT**

This matter is before the Court upon a Petition for Discipline filed by the Board of Professional Responsibility ("Board") against Edward Swinger ("Respondent") on November 20, 2009; upon Answer filed by Respondent on December 29, 2009; upon a Conditional Guilty Plea filed by Respondent on December 1, 2010; upon Order Recommending Approval of Conditional Guilty Plea entered by a Hearing Panel on December 8, 2010; upon approval by the Board on January 10, 2011; 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.

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

1. Respondent, Edward L. Swinger, shall be and is hereby suspended from the practice of law for two (2) years, pursuant to Tenn. S. Ct. R. 9, §4.2. However, pursuant to Tenn. S. Ct. R. 9, §8.5, the period of suspension shall be probated in its entirety.
2. The period of probation is subject to the following conditions:
  - a) During the two (2) year probation, Respondent will have no further substantiated cases of disciplinary misconduct.
  - b) Respondent shall attend six (6) hours of continuing legal education in ethics and professionalism in addition to the hours currently mandated by Supreme Court Rule 21, Section 3.01.

3. Failure of the Respondent to comply with the terms of probation may result in a revocation of the probationary period and imposition of suspension for the remainder of the period pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 8.5

4. 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 \$ 899.60, 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.

5. Respondent shall comply in all aspects with Tenn. S. Ct. R. 9, Section 18 regarding the obligations and responsibilities of suspended attorneys.

6. The suspension shall become effective ten (10) days after the filing of this 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 this is a true and exact copy of the original

filed in the cause.

This 18 day of Jan., 2011

CLERK OF COURT

By: Michael W. Catalano