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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: PAUL ALLAN TERRY, II, NO. 21719
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LIVINGSTON LAWYER DISBARRED BY SUPREME COURT

By Order of the Supreme Court of Tennessee filed August 11, 2005, Paul Allan Terry, II, was disbarred from the practice of law.

A Petition for Discipline was filed against Mr. Terry on November 1, 2004. Mr. Terry had previously been temporarily suspended from the practice of law by Order of the Supreme Court entered August 13, 2004, for his failure to respond to the complaint. Mr. Terry did not file an Answer to the Petition for Discipline and a Default Judgment was entered against him on March 14, 2005. A hearing was conducted before a Hearing Panel of the Board of Professional Responsibility on April 6, 2005. Mr. Terry did not appear. Mr. Terry did not pursue a personal injury case for a client. The client's case was, therefore, dismissed by the court. The Hearing Panel found that Mr. Terry violated DR 1-102(A)(1)(5)(6), DR 2-106(A)(B), DR 2-110(A)(1)(2)(3), DR 6-101(A)(2)(3), DR 7-101(A)(1)(2)(3)(4), and DR 9-102(A)(B) of the Code of Professional Responsibility and Rules of Professional Conduct 1.1, 1.2(a), 1.3, 1.4, 1.5(a), 1.15(a)(b), 1.16(d), and 8.4(a)(d) and determined that disbarment was the appropriate discipline. Mr. Terry did not file an appeal.

Mr. Terry will be eligible to apply for reinstatement to the practice of law after five years from the effective date of disbarment. Reinstatement would be granted only by Mr. Terry demonstrating by clear and convincing evidence that he has the moral qualifications, competency, and learning required for admission to the practice of law and that his resumption of practice would not be detrimental to the integrity and standing of the bar or administration of justice or subversion of the public interest. Mr. Terry's reinstatement was further conditioned

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upon his making restitution to two clients and remaining current on all Continuing Legal Education during the period of disbarment.

The Court further ordered that Mr. Terry pay the costs of the disciplinary proceedings and comply with Supreme Court Rule 9 regarding the obligations and responsibilities of a disbarred attorney. Mr. Terry is required to notify all clients being represented in pending matters, as well as co-counsel and opposing counsel, of his disbarment and to deliver to all clients any papers or property to which they are entitled. Mr. Terry shall not use any indicia of lawyer, legal assistant, or law clerk, etc., nor maintain a presence where the practice of law is conducted.

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