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RE: JOHN O. THREADGILL, BPR# 1102
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KNOXVILLE LAWYER SUSPENDED

On November 30, 2009, John O. Threadgill of Knoxville, Tennessee, was suspended by the Tennessee Supreme Court for a period of one (1) year pursuant to Rule 9, Section 4.2, of the Rules of the Supreme Court. The Supreme Court affirmed the ruling of a Hearing Panel after a hearing on three Petitions for Discipline filed against Mr. Threadgill by the Board of Professional Responsibility.

Mr. Threadgill violated disciplinary rules by habitually depositing client funds into personal accounts rather than maintaining those funds in trust accounts; withheld settlement proceeds from clients for unreasonable periods of time covering up his actions by failing to provide clients with regular, accurate accountings; and converting client funds. Mr. Threadgill's actions violated Disciplinary Rule 9-102 of the former Code of Professional Responsibility and Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 8, Rules of Professional Conduct 1.1 (Competence), 1.3 (Diligence), 1.4 (Communication), 1.5 (Fees), 1.15 (Safekeeping Property), 1.16 (Declining and Terminating Representation), and 8.4 (Misconduct).

Mr. Threadgill was furthered ordered to pay the expenses and costs of the disciplinary proceedings against him, pursuant to Rule 9, Section 4.7, of the Rules of the Supreme Court and fully comply in all respects with the requirements and obligations of suspended attorneys as set forth in Rule 9, Section18.1 of the Rules of the Supreme Court.

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