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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: MICHAEL R. TUCKER, BPR# 10650
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SHELBY COUNTY LAWYER SUSPENDED

On February 4, 2013, Michael R. Tucker, of Memphis, Tennessee, was suspended from the practice of law by Order of the Tennessee Supreme Court for five (5) years. Mr. Tucker was ordered to pay restitution to John T. Baker, or to the Lawyer's Fund for Client Protection, if appropriate, in the amount of \$66,667.67. Finally, Mr. Tucker must pay the Board's costs and expenses and the court costs within ninety days of the entry of the Order of Enforcement.

A Petition for Discipline was filed on December 16, 2010, alleging that Mr. Tucker failed to disburse settlement funds to a client, converted the funds for his personal use and benefit, made misrepresentations to the client about repayment of the money, and failed to communicate with the client in a reasonable manner. Mr. Tucker entered into a Conditional Guilty Plea admitting to the misconduct.

Mr. Tucker's actions violated RPC 1.4(a) (communication), 1.15 (fees), 4.1(a) (Truthfulness in Statements to Others), and 8.4(a),(c), and (d) (misconduct).

Mr. Tucker must comply with the requirements of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Sections 18 and 19, regarding the obligations and responsibilities of suspended attorneys.

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