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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: ALEX VANBUREN, BPR# 023069
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May 12, 2010

WASHINGTON COUNTY LAWYER SUSPENDED

On May 6, 2010, the Tennessee Supreme Court suspended the law license of Alex Vanburen, a Johnson City attorney, for one (1) year and one (1) day retroactive to the date of his temporary suspension from practice on September 21, 2009, pursuant to Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 4.2. Mr. Vanburen violated disciplinary rules by failing to communicate with his clients, failing to diligently represent his clients, failing to properly withdraw from representation of his clients and failing to respond to the requests of Disciplinary Counsel for the Board of Professional Responsibility. Mr. Vanburen's actions violated Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 8, Rules of Professional Conduct 1.3 (Diligence), 1.4 (Communication), 1.16 (Declining and Terminating Representation), 8.1 (Bar Admission and Disciplinary Matters) and 8.4 (Misconduct).

Mr. Vanburen 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, Section 18.1 of the Rules of the Supreme Court.

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Clerk of the Courts

IN RE: ALEXANDER STEVEN VANBUREN, BPR # 023069

An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in
Tennessee (Washington County)

No. M2009-01924-SC-BPR-BP
BOPR No. 2009-1843-1-RS(4.3)

ORDER OF ENFORCEMENT

This matter is before the Court upon a Petition for Discipline filed by Disciplinary Counsel against Respondent, Alexander Steven VanBuren, on August 31, 2009; upon a Supplemental Petition for Discipline filed on October 1, 2009; upon an Order Granting Default Judgment and Deeming Facts Admitted entered by the Hearing Panel on December 23, 2010; upon the Judgment and Recommendation of the Hearing Panel entered on February 1, 2010; upon the approval of the Board of Professional Responsibility on March 12, 2010; and upon the entire record in this cause.

From all of which the Court approves the recommendation of the Hearing Panel adopts the Judgment and Recommendation of the Hearing Panel as the Court's Order.

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

1. That the Respondent, Alexander Steven VanBuren, shall be suspended for one (1) year and (1) day retroactive to the date of his temporary suspension from the practice of law on September 21, 2009 pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 4.2.
2. That the Respondent's temporary suspension, ordered on September 21, 2009, is hereby dissolved.
3. That the Respondent's reinstatement to the practice of law after the expiration of his suspension shall be conditioned upon a showing that the personal and family circumstances that led his violations of the Rules of Professional Conduct have been resolved.

3. That, 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 \$1,057.23, and in addition, shall pay to the Clerk of this Court the costs incurred herein, within ninety (90) days from the entry of this order, for all of which execution may issue if necessary.

4. That the Respondent shall comply in all aspects with Rule 9, §18 of the Rules of the Supreme Court regarding the obligations and responsibilities of suspended attorneys.

5. That the Board of Professional Responsibility shall cause notice of this discipline to be published as required by Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 18.10.

FOR THE COURT:

Cornelia A. Clark
CORNELIA A. CLARK
JUSTICE

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Michael W. Catalano, Clerk, hereby certify that
this is a true and exact copy of the original
Order of suspension
filed in the cause.
This 6 day of July, 2010
By: [Signature]
CLERK OF COURT