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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: ALEX VANBUREN, BPR# 023069
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October 28, 2010

WASHINGTON COUNTY LAWYER SUSPENDED

On October 21, 2010, the Tennessee Supreme Court suspended the law license of Alex Vanburen, a Johnson City attorney, for eighteen (18) months 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).

The Tennessee Supreme Court suspended Mr. Vanburen for one (1) year and one (1) day on May 6, 2010. The October 21, 2010 Order does not affect the continuing validity of the one (1) year and one (1) day suspension ordered on May 6, 2010.

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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IN RE: ALEXANDER STEVEN VANBUREN, BPR # 023069

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

No. M2010-02202-SE-BPO-BP
BOPR No. 2010-1895-1-RS

ORDER OF ENFORCEMENT

This matter is before the Court upon a Petition for Discipline filed by Disciplinary Counsel against Respondent, Alexander Steven Vanburen, on February 5, 2010; upon an Order Granting Default Judgment and Deeming Facts Admitted entered by the Hearing Panel on April 28, 2010; upon the Judgment and Recommendation of the Hearing Panel entered on August 5, 2010; upon the Board's approval of the Judgment and Recommendation of the Hearing Panel on August 6, 2010; and upon the entire record in this cause.

From all of which the Court approves the recommendation of the Hearing Panel and adopts the Findings and Judgment 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 eighteen (18) months pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 4.2.

2. By Order entered on May 6, 2010, the Respondent was suspended from the practice of law for one (1) year and one (1) day based on the finding of a prior Hearing Panel that the Respondent failed to communicate with his clients, failed to diligently represent his clients, failed to properly withdraw from representation of his clients and failed to respond to the requests of Disciplinary Counsel for the Board of Professional Responsibility. The entry of this Order does not affect the continuing validity of the one (1) year and one (1) day suspension ordered on May 6, 2010.

3. On August 31, 2009, the Respondent was summarily suspended from the practice of law for CLE non-compliance. Accordingly, the Respondent must complete all CLE requirements prior to reinstatement.

4. 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 \$415.00 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.

5. 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.

6. 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
CHIEF JUSTICE

I, Michael W. Catalano, Clerk, hereby certify that this is a true and exact copy of the original

Filed in the cause.
This 21 day of Oct. 20 10
CLERK OF COURT

[Signature] D.C.