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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: M. JOSIAH HOOVER, #9494
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KNOXVILLE LAWYER SUSPENDED

On October 6, 2008, M. Josiah Hoover of Knoxville, Tennessee, was suspended by the Tennessee Supreme Court for a period of thirty (30) days pursuant to Rule 9, Section 4.2, of the Rules of the Supreme Court, the imposition of which is suspended in conjunction with a thirty (30) day period of probation.

Mr. Hoover violated disciplinary rules by his failure to adequately communicate the status of his clients' cases, to promptly turn over his client's file and monies due his client, to promptly notify his client of the receipt of funds from the proceeds of the sale of her marital home, and to promptly surrender all property and papers to his client after the termination of his representation. Mr. Hoover's actions violated Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 8, Rules of Professional Conduct 1.3 (Diligence), 1.4 (Communication), 1.5 (Fees), 1.15 (Safekeeping Property), 1.16 (Declining and Terminating Representation), and 8.4 (Misconduct).

Mr. Hoover was further 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, §18.1 of the Rules of the Supreme Court.

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