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**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**  
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**KINGSTON LAWYER SUSPENDED**

On September 11, 2008, the Tennessee Supreme Court entered an Order suspending the law license of Spence R. Bruner, a Kingston attorney, for ninety (90) days retroactive to Mr. Bruner's Temporary Suspension on January 29, 2008, and placing Mr. Bruner on probation for three (3) years, conditioned upon Mr. Bruner's compliance with his Tennessee Lawyer's Assistance Program (TLAP) monitoring agreement.

The Board of Professional Responsibility filed a Petition for Discipline and Supplemental Petition for Discipline against Mr. Bruner alleging that Mr. Bruner had neglected several clients' cases, and failed to communicate with clients in part resulting in Mr. Bruner's suspension from the practice of law before the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Tennessee.

Mr. Bruner submitted a Conditional Guilty Plea agreeing to be suspended for ninety (90) days, retroactive to Mr. Bruner's Temporary Suspension on January 29, 2008, and further agreeing to be on probation for three (3) years. Mr. Bruner's actions violated the Rules of Professional Conduct. Mr. Bruner may resume the practice of law without further order of reinstatement by the Tennessee Supreme Court.

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