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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: JES BEARD, BPR# 14170
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CHATTANOOGA LAWYER SUSPENDED

On July 9, 2009, Jes Beard of Chattanooga, Tennessee, was suspended by the Tennessee Supreme Court for a period of two (2) years pursuant to Rule 9, Section 4.2, of the Rules of the Supreme Court. The Supreme Court affirmed the ruling of a hearing panel imposing a two (2) year suspension for each of three Petitions for Discipline filed against Mr. Beard with each suspension to run concurrently.

Mr. Beard violated disciplinary rules by failing to properly draw a Final Decree, by giving advice to his client to settle for \$10,000 without first reading the Memorandum Opinion which the court had already rendered and which was in Mr. Beard's possession, and by filing false pleadings and a false affidavit of his client. Mr. Beard's actions violated Disciplinary Rules of the former Code of Professional Responsibility DR 1-102(A)(1)(4)(5)(6) and DR 7-102(A)(1)(3)(5)(8) and Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 8, Rules of Professional Conduct 1.1 (Competence), 1.2(a) (Scope of the Representation and the Allocation of Authority Between the Lawyer and Client), 1.3 (Diligence), 1.4 (Communication), 3.1 (Meritorious Claims and Contentions), 3.2 (Expediting Litigation), 3.3(a)(1)(b)(c)(d) (Candor Toward the Tribunal), 3.4(b) (Fairness to Opposing Party and Counsel), 4.1(a) (Truthfulness and Candor in Statements to Others) and 8.4(a)(c)(d) (Misconduct).

Mr. Beard 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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