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**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**  
**RE: M. JOSIAH HOOVER, BPR #9494**  
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**KNOX COUNTY LAWYER DISBARRED**

On November 16, 2012, the Tennessee Supreme Court entered a Judgment disbaring Knoxville attorney M. Josiah Hoover, thereby affirming the judgment of the Chancery Court for Knox County and a Hearing Panel of the Board of Professional Responsibility.

On July 22, 2010, the Board of Professional Responsibility filed a Petition for Discipline against Mr. Hoover based on five complaints alleging negligence, filing frivolous litigation, incompetence, failure to communicate with clients and failure to comply with Court orders and rules. On December 17, 2010, a Hearing Panel entered a Judgment recommending Mr. Hoover be disbarred. Mr. Hoover appealed the Hearing Panel Judgment and the Chancery Court for Knox County affirmed the Hearing Panel's judgment. Mr. Hoover appealed the Chancery Court's decision to the Supreme Court and on November 16, 2012, the Supreme Court affirmed Mr. Hoover's disbarment. The Supreme Court found "that on multiple occasions Hoover knowingly failed to perform services for his clients and violated his professional duties, which caused serious or potential serious injuries to his clients and the legal system."

Mr. Hoover was ordered to pay the expenses and costs of the disciplinary proceedings against him, pursuant to Rule 9, Section 24.3, of the Rules of the Supreme Court, and fully comply in all respects with the requirements and obligations of disbarred attorneys as set forth in Rule 9, Section 18.

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