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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: RAYMOND ANDREW SHIRLEY, BPR #5784
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KNOX COUNTY LAWYER SUSPENDED

On September 23, 2013, the law license of Raymond Andrew Shirley of Knoxville, Tennessee, was suspended by the Tennessee Supreme Court for a period of one (1) year pursuant to Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 4.2. In addition, Mr. Shirley is required to undergo an assessment with the Tennessee Lawyers Assistance Program and engage a practice monitor for one year following any reinstatement of his license to practice law.

The Board of Professional Responsibility filed a Petition for Discipline against Mr. Shirley alleging that he failed to diligently prosecute a case on behalf of his clients, failed to comply with court-ordered discovery, and failed to settle the pending lawsuit as requested by his clients. As a result of Mr. Shirley's actions and inactions in the matter, the case was dismissed by the trial court. Finally, Mr. Shirley failed to notify his clients that their case had been dismissed. Mr. Shirley entered a conditional guilty plea admitting to the misconduct.

Mr. Shirley's conduct was in violation of the Rules of Professional Conduct 1.1 (competence), 1.3 (diligence), 1.4 (communication), 3.2 (expediting litigation) and 8.4 (a) and (c) (misconduct).

Mr. Shirley was further 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 suspended attorneys and the procedure for reinstatement as set forth in Rule 9, Sections 18 and 19, of the Rules of the Supreme Court.

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