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**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**  
**RE: SAMUEL FRANKLIN LAIN, BPR #18395**  
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October 19, 2012

**ANDERSON COUNTY LAWYER SUSPENDED**

By Order of the Tennessee Supreme Court entered October 17, 2012, Mr. Samuel Lain was suspended from the practice of law for one (1) year, retroactive to August 22, 2011, and for an indefinite period thereafter until certain conditions have been met. Conditions include participation with the Tennessee Lawyer's Assistance Program, payment of Board costs, payment of registration fees, and compliance with continuing legal education.

The Board filed a Petition and Supplemental Petition for Discipline against Mr. Lain pursuant to Rule 9 of the Rules of the Supreme Court of Tennessee. Mr. Lain appeared in court in an impaired condition and was unable to competently represent clients. Further, Mr. Lain did not have the necessary papers for a client he was representing in an uncontested divorce. Mr. Lain allowed his client to prepare answers to interrogatories which were very prejudicial to the client. Mr. Lain wrote unprofessional and incompetent objections on the discovery responses provided to the opposing party. On another occasion, Mr. Lain appeared before court while he was suspended for failure to meet registration requirements and CLE requirements.

Mr. Lain violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.1 (Competence), 1.3 (Diligence), 3.4(d) (Fairness to Opposing Party and Counsel), 5.5 (Unauthorized Practice of Law) and 8.4(a) and (d) (Misconduct).

Mr. Lain must comply with Sections 18 and 19 of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, regarding the obligations and responsibilities of suspended attorneys.

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